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Hague seeks the party that cares

By Philip Webster, political editor

William Hague will today unveil his vision of a new "popular Conservatism" by setting out to reinvent the Tories as the party of compassion and tolerance.

In a daring attempt to transform its image, Mr Hague is insisting that he wants to lead a party that cares for the poor, disadvantaged and oppressed, and is more liberal in its attitude both to people who bring up families outside marriage and to the sexual misdemeanours of politicians. He will call for a party that is determined "to show that it cares".

In an extraordinary alliance with the party's most prominent exile, Michael Portillo, the Tory leader is in effect relaunching the party in the wake of its devastating election defeat. This amounts to an admission that the Tories lost the faith of voters because they failed to address the social concerns of the nation, concentrating instead on economic issues. But it risks upsetting traditionalists.

Echoing Tony Blair's modernisation crusade that brought Labour back to power, Mr Hague will call for a "changing Conservatism" that acknowledges its mistakes.

Mr Portillo made his political comeback last night with a 6,000-word speech — read a week ago by Mr Hague — in which he tried to chart the party's path to recovery. In its most striking passage, the former Defence Secretary, while acknowledging the Conservatives as the party of the family, called for a more generous approach to those outside the traditional family unit. He wanted a more tolerant approach to mothers who brought up children on their own and to homosexuals.

He said: "We believe that children are best brought up in stable family arrangements with two parents. But we admire those many people who are doing an excellent job raising children on their own."

He added that in politics there should be a distinction between sexual peccadillos, which should not normally result in dismissal from office, and financial misconduct.

Mr Hague, always a close supporter of Mr Portillo, said that he agreed with every word of the speech. And in a Channel 4 interview last night he said for the first time that he would not sack Shadow Cabinet members or Shadow Ministers caught having affairs, provided they were not guilty of hypocrisy or financial impropriety.

Today he will say in his keynote speech of the week: "I want to tell you about an open Conservatism, that is tolerant, that believes freedom is about more than economics. That believes freedom does not stop at the shop counter. I want to tell you about a democratic, popular Conservatism that listens, that is determined to show it cares."

The co-ordination of message between Mr Portillo and Mr Hague revived speculation last night that the former minister could be brought back as party chairman after Lord Parkinson has completed his limited term. But Mr Portillo emphasised that he was not making any kind of long-term leadership bid.

Mr Hague said that the sentiments voiced by Mr Portillo about family life were popular. He declared: "I want to support the family, but we are not going to prescribe how everybody should lead their lives."

The emerging redefinition of Toryism appeared to be too swift for some and a backlash could come from older party members.

In a Centre for Policy Studies lecture, Mr Portillo said the Tories were beaten because they appeared insensitive to social issues "using the language of economics and high finance when people's jobs and self-esteem were at stake".

Peter Lilley, the Shadow Chancellor, backed Mr Portillo, saying many people were single parents through no fault of their own and the Tories had never denigrated them.

Mr Hague last night made even more explicit that the Tories would embrace single-parent families and "other family units", apparently a reference to gay couples.

He said: "We are not saying there are no circumstances in which it is right for single parents to bring up their children. We are saying: let's be alive to the 21st century, let's be tolerant at the way people wish to live when it doesn't damage the interests of other people and that doesn't conflict with our support for families."

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"If this doesn't work, you're all fired"

LUCA BRUNO/AP

Donatella Versace appears briefly on the catwalk in Milan after showing her first collection for the label last night

The spirit of Versace lives on

From Heath Brown in Milan

STILL in mourning, the fashion designer Donatella Versace showed her first collection for the Gianni Versace label in Milan last night — a job she inherited from her brother Gianni after his murder in Miami three months ago. With the eyes of the fashion world on her, the question was in which direction would she take the fashion house her brother had built up to be a favourite of the rich and famous?

Demi Moore, Angelica Houston and Cher were among the celebrity line-up at the show, along with rival designers including Karl Lagerfeld, Giorgio Armani and Miuccia Prada.

The event, at the Versace Pallazo in Via Gesu, had all the glittering trappings of Versace shows of the past but without the usual pre-show chattering excitement — a subdued air of respect pervaded the showroom.

The production began with a lasered message across the back curtain: "This show is dedicated to our brother Gianni and to our entire staff and their incredible love and devotion that was so precious to him. We thank each and every one of you."

Then with funky upbeat fanfare (music created and mixed by Boy George) the auditorium came alive as Naomi Campbell and Kate Moss, the British models, strode out in a sparkling grey trouser suit and a Prince of Wales check bustier with super sheen demi-pants. The colours of the outfits became brighter as the show proceeded with neutral tones of grey contrasting with soft blue, tangerine, apricot and light vivid green. The look had the Versace signature — short, sassy and sexy but with a more restrained use of detailing in cleaner silhouettes and perfectly simple cuts.

Ms Versace came out of the wings to a standing ovation and exited after a quick bow.

"It had all the best elements of Versace but with a newer, softer touch," said Alexander Shulman, the British *Vogue* editor.

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Germans trigger rate rise across Europe

By Janet Bush
Economics Editor

GERMANY yesterday triggered a sudden rise in European interest rates, signalling its determination to press ahead towards a single currency in January 1999.

The Bundesbank, the central bank, raised interest rates for the first time in more than five years. It was swiftly followed by France, Belgium, Austria, The Netherlands and Denmark.

The Bundesbank's increase in the repo rate — the key German money market rate — from 3.0 per cent to 3.30 per cent — was far larger than the financial markets had anticipated and was seen as an aggressive signal that, if monetary union is to go ahead, it will be on the terms set by the German central bank.

The move marked the start of much closer co-ordination of interest rates in the run-up to the start of monetary union.

Far from the "soft" euro which many European governments had been banking on to cut record unemployment levels, the Bundesbank's move sent a clear message that any EMU in which it participates will be anti-inflationary. It is a remarkable confirmation of the Bundesbank's preoccupation with controlling inflation that it raised interest rates in the week that German unemployment topped 4.5 million, a postwar record.

The move will increase the likelihood that Tony Blair will keep Britain out of the first wave of monetary union. An announcement is expected over the next few weeks.

Even as interest rates rose all over Europe, the Bank of England's monetary policy committee decided to leave

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Apology move over Bloody Sunday

From Martin Fletcher, chief Ireland correspondent

THE Government is "moving towards" a formal apology for the events of Bloody Sunday, according to Labour Party sources.

Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, is expected to announce next month an independent review of fresh evidence presented by the Irish Government on the fatal shooting of 14 men by members of the Parachute Regiment during a Londonderry civil rights demonstration in 1972. Members of her party believe that review will pave the way for an apology.

Government officials say no decision has yet been made, and that any speculation is premature, but one senior Labour MP closely involved in Northern Ireland affairs said: "She's moving towards a formal apology. There is a general feeling that as difficult as it might be, the terrible business that took place that day has to be addressed."

A source in Belfast said Dr Mowlam recognised that "it is important to resolve the matter and wind it up". The idea was "some kind of review to look at the new material and possibly lead to a formal apology".

Lawyers doubted whether an apology would expose the Government to legal claims for compensation from the victims' relatives so long after the event, though it could create a moral obligation.

A spokesman for the Bloody Sunday Justice Campaign said the relatives' goal was neither compensation nor an apology but the "full truth about Bloody Sunday — the hows and the whys and the whos". That was the only way to put it behind them.

The shootings have been a festering sore for a quarter of a century. In April 1972 the Widgery tribunal largely exonerated the British soldiers, saying they had been fired on first, but nationalists and republicans called that report a whitewash.

In 1993 John Major said those killed could be regarded as innocent, but rejected demands for a public inquiry. The material the Irish Government presented to Dr Mowlam in June was largely based on two recent television documentaries and a new book containing hundreds of eyewitness accounts.

Ken Maginnis, the Ulster Unionist Party's security spokesman, issued a warning that regardless of whether a review was justified it

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£14.5m record for Klimt landscape

This striking landscape by Gustav Klimt, the Viennese master, sold yesterday for £14.5 million at Christie's in London (Dalya Alberge writes).

Schloss Kammer am Attersee II **had been expected to fetch a mere £6 million but an anonymous private collector bidding on the telephone was determined to fight off competition from a buyer in the room.**

Christie's described it as the most expensive work sold in London since 1988, a ***record price for Klimt and*** **the most expensive work sold anywhere this year.**

Michelangelo sale, page 8

Queen unmasks woman who fibbed about her age

By Alan Hamilton

A LADY is entitled to her little secret — at least until the Queen spills the beans.

Ina Marshall, helped by her husband John, was opening stacks of cards marking her 98th birthday at their home in East Kilbride, Lanarkshire. But there was also a telegram from Buckingham Palace congratulating her on attaining her century.

After 80 years of perfect deception, the game was up.

Mrs Marshall had no choice but to come clean. When, during the First World War, she met 18-year-old John Marshall, who really is 98, it was not done for a woman to be walking out with, and certainly not marrying, a younger man. So the 20-year-old subtracted two years from her age and, until yesterday, her husband of 75 years was none the wiser.

"When we met, I just assumed she was the same age as me," he said. "I have no regrets that I have been sharing my life with an older woman, but I still find it hard to take in that I am actually her toyboy." The perfect gentleman, he had been brought up never to ask a lady's age.

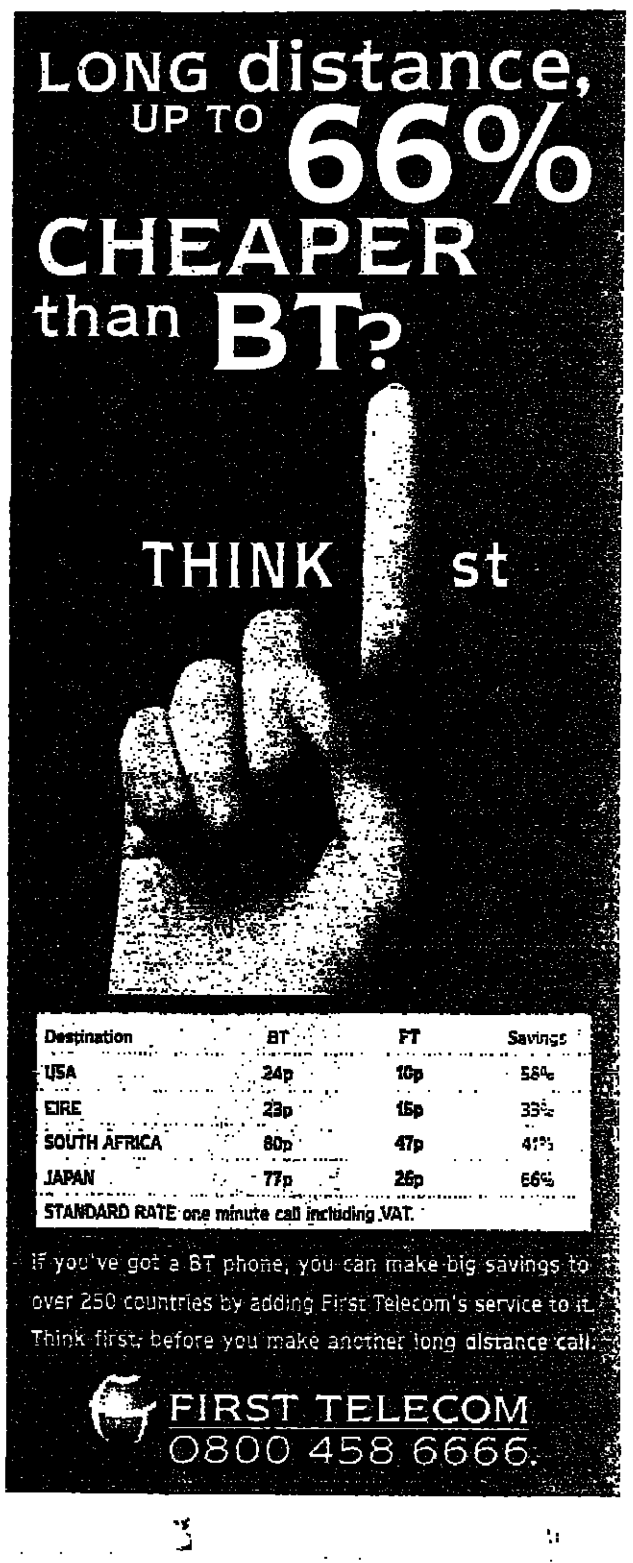
Mrs Marshall is unrepentant about her remarkably enduring little white lie. "It doesn't really matter now, does it? After all, I've got him as a toyboy and, if I get fed up with him, I'll just look for another."

She kept her secret not only from her husband, but from family, friends and her local district council, who gave the couple a civic party on what they assumed was their joint 90th birthday.

But some mystery person knew the truth, and alerted Buckingham Palace. "If the Queen is to send out a 100th birthday telegram, someone has to let us know, and we like it to be backed up with a birth certificate or some other documentary evidence," a Palace spokesman said.

Why did the truth not come out when the couple claimed their pensions? Because all such matters were firmly in the hands of Mrs Marshall, who has always handled the family finances.

The Queen, who was complaining only this week about becoming too old for the modern age, is firmly believed by her husband, and all other competent authorities, to be 71.



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Mr Nice and Mr Nasty perform duet for day at the Oprah

MATTHEW PARRIS
CONFERENCE SKETCH

Yesterday Conservatives ventured into daytime-TV territory. Roving microphones moved among the faithful as Tory conference-goers thrilled to an audience-participation chat.

Oprah Winfrey it was not. Her job is safe from challengers like the session's chairman, Graham Park.

"These are the mechanics ..." began Mr Park, explaining to a full house that the two gentlemen on what appeared to be bar stools in front of him were John Maples MP and Iain Duncan-Smith MP, spokesmen respectively on health and social security. Tory representatives were invited to pose their queries to either gentleman.

Mr Maples and Mr Duncan-Smith bore more than a passing resemblance to Mr Nice and Mr Nasty, or the Mutt and Jeff of a hard-cop/soft-cop interrogation team. Soft-suited, soft-spoken, soft-coiffed Maples would make a perfect customer-care manager for a large chain of private clinics. He was the embodiment of tact.

Duncan-Smith, with his high forehead, shark-like smile, deep-set eyes and penetrating stare, could be mistaken for a superintendent (special investigations) in the Stepney & Shoreditch police. A rising star on the Tory Right, Duncan-Smith, like the former MP for Chingford whom he replaced, relies on a sub-Tebbit snarl, a populist turn of phrase, and a very good brain.

We started with Mr Nice. A fellow called Guy, from Birmingham, invited Maples to agree that there was no need for a Royal Commission on Euthanasia. Mr Nice agreed that this was a very difficult question. He hugely understood the feelings on both sides. He doubted whether any action at all was called for. He told a man concerned that too little is spent on rural health that country people tended to think too much was spent on the towns, whereas town people tended to think the opposite.

Christine from Hackney asked about alleged "corruption" in Labour councils. Would Tory spokesmen please expose such evils? This brought Mr Nasty hissing to his feet. "Just you try and stop me!" he snapped. "The rug must be lifted," continued Duncan-Smith, on "rotten, rotten" Labour administrations. "Corrupt, always with a hand in the till.

"And who swallows it? You don't. They do," he gargled, gesturing up to where journalists sit. "The media." The audience peered up and began to boo. I fingered my notebook nervously.

Then a lady from Kensington asked Maples about vitamin B supplements. Mr Nice explained that it was all very difficult, adding, kindly, that there was a Committee on Safety in Medicines. There was now a danger that others might chip in with their ailments and the whole thing turn into a mass-participation doctor's surgery.

The event was unfortunately staged. Directly behind Nasty and Nice, the chairman was on a higher bar-stool. As Maples and Duncan-Smith alternated their replies, Mr Park beamed and scowled behind, centre-stage, his facial expressions — caring or angry — more watchable than the presenters.

I fear I did not stay. Passing a party stand near the exit, I saw 130 photographs of William and Ffion, arrayed on a desk. Tory ballgoers had been offered the chance to pose between them for a personal portrait, one at a time, as the happy couple peered cheesily and wearily into the camera. In some snaps, William had his mouth open while Ffion had hers closed. In others it was the other way round. In a few, both mouths were open, or shut. I pointed out this interesting fact to the man behind the stall.

"I'm not going to say anything, in case you write it down," he wailed.

Better students may get bigger university loans

By David Charter, Education Correspondent

STUDENTS will be rewarded with bigger loans at university if they pass extra school tests in literacy, numeracy and computing under plans being considered by the Government.

Ministers are undecided whether to force all A level students to take an extra qualification in the three "key skills" or to cajole them with cash incentives. Students might be able to borrow up to £1,000 more than their annual entitlement which is expected to be about £4,000.

But in *Qualifying for Success*, a consultation paper launched yesterday, the Government made it clear it wanted "key skills" tests to become the norm for 16 to 18-year-olds. The document makes it clear that A levels will not be scrapped, but eventually become part of an "overarching certificate", including key skills and vocational qualifications, to demonstrate a range of achievement.

Incorporating the key skills within A level courses is seen as unlikely and sixth-form students face an extra six hours of lessons a week in literacy, numeracy and computing, as disclosed in *The Times* two months ago.

The suggestion that achieving key skills should be rewarded with access to extra student loans was condemned as "bewildering" by the National Union of Students. The NUS is already planning protests next month over the introduction of annual £1,000 university tuition fees in a year's time.

A spokesman for the NUS said: "We don't understand why people who are more qualified should get more money. It doesn't make any sense. Surely if extra money is available, it should be targeted on students from poorer families — not those who already have advantages."

A senior Government source said that financial incentives were "just one of a range of options" which also included paying the school or college extra money if they had good pass rates in key skills. However, it would not involve a re-introduction of grants, which are also being abolished for new students from next September.

Industry and universities were demanding that all students had a range of skills, he said. "We are looking to provide incentives to encourage the take-up of key skills, which would involve a small enhancement of student loans to recognise the acquisition of key skills".

There could also be extra "points" towards university entry for the acquisition of key skills. A small number of schools and colleges are running a trial half-A level in key skills this year, covering communication, application of number and IT.

The consultation document builds on proposals last year by Sir Ron Dearing on improving post-16 qualifications, including a new AS level worth half an A.

☐ The Department for Education and Employment has said that exemption from tuition fees for trainee teachers is intended only for the Post-Graduate Certificate of Education courses, not B.Ed ones.

Fifty-one head teachers intend to resign over Government plans to force grant-maintained schools back into the local council funding system, a survey discloses today. Many said they were unwilling to carry out the 1,800 redundancies they believe will follow losing 2 to 10 per cent of their budgets. Nearly two-thirds of 1,100 grant-maintained heads responded to a survey published in *The Times Educational Supplement*.

BELFAST TELEGRAPH

A soldier marches off a demonstrator during the Bloody Sunday disturbances, which left 14 people killed

Ulster move

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would be seen as "another payment of Danegeld" by the Government to placate Sinn Fein and the IRA. Leading Unionists are anticipating Dr Mowlam's announcement by demanding that a Bloody Sunday review be offset by an Irish Government review of the 1970 arms scandal in which Charles Haughey and two other Cabinet ministers allegedly helped to arm the IRA.

Unionists and loyalists yesterdy responded angrily to the Clinton Administration's decision to exclude the IRA from a list of the world's 30 leading terrorist organisations. "To suggest to anyone that the IRA is not in the top 30 terrorist organisations in the world is really wishful thinking," Mr Maginnis said. He called the decision a huge mistake. White House officials have promised that the IRA would be swiftly added to the list if the present ceasefire collapsed.

☐ The Tories yesterday threatened to break the bipartisan approach to Northern Ireland if the Government failed to follow the peace process principles agreed while John Major was Prime Minister (Jill Sherman writes).

Andrew Mackay, the Shadow Ulster Secretary, also criticised Dr Mowlam's decision to end the power of internment and indicated the Tories would not support legislation this autumn. "It is hardly a confidence boosting measure in the Unionist community."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Turks fine waiter who 'wed' girl, 13, £8.50

The Turkish waiter whose "marriage" to an English child bride led to the intervention of the High Court last year was yesterday acquitted of statutory rape in Turkey and instead found guilty of breaching the country's marriage laws and fined a symbolic 1.5 million lira (£8.50) — suspended for five years.

Musa Komeagac was cleared in the southeastern city of Kahramanmaras of having unlawful sex with Essex schoolgirl Sarah Cook, with whom he went through a Moslem religious ceremony when she was 13 after she fell in love with him during a family holiday in Turkey.

Royal yacht to go

The Royal Yacht *Britannia* will not be refitted or replaced when it is decommissioned in December, the Defence Secretary is to announce today. Six options for its future are being considered, including a return to Clydeside where it was built. George Robertson will also give details of a final round-Britain voyage.

Rail fares rise

Eight train companies serving London were given permission to impose above-inflation fare rises as high as 5.3 per cent on some routes for improved services. Firms including South West Trains, which cancelled hundreds of trains this year, have been told that they must peg rises below inflation.

Custody deaths

The number of deaths in police custody or during arrest rose by 14 per cent in 1996-97 on the previous year. The Home Office said 57 prisoners in England and Wales died in police cells or hospital from March last year to this April. The Metropolitan Police recorded 18 deaths, the highest number.

Stalker fined

Michael King, 52, of Haresfield, Gloucestershire, who was prosecuted under the new Harassment Act, was fined £250 for harassing his former partner, Sonja Townsend, 49, when she ended their 11-year relationship. Gloucester magistrates ordered King not to contact Mrs Townsend or her new partner for 12 months.

Sex case award

A saleswoman who was blacklisted, then dismissed after refusing to sleep with her manager has been awarded £3,685 compensation. Patricia Gough, 25, complained that Michael Auld, a manager of Windows by Design in Willesden, north London, made her life a misery with his sexual advances.

Hunt inquiry call

Farmers' leaders are to press for a public inquiry into the future of hunting. Barney Holbeche, of the National Farmers' Union, hopes that the Government will be attracted by the proposal as a way of killing off the controversial anti-hunting Bill, due for its second reading in the Commons on November 28.

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Rate rise

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British base rates unchanged.

The last time that the Bundesbank raised rates was in July 1992, a move which led to the run on the pound and its ignominious exit from the European exchange rate mechanism two months later.

The Bank of France made it clear in a statement after its rate increase that European interest rates were now being co-ordinated more closely in order to prepare for the formation of the single currency. But there are doubts over whether the euro will be the wide, inclusive single currency for which France has so doggedly fought.

The move coincided with the collapse of the Prodi Government in Italy. Germany and the Bundesbank have long felt uncomfortable with the idea of a single currency which includes Italy and there was a widespread feeling yesterday that the round of rate rises had in effect ended Italy's chances of joining in the first wave.

But high ranking Italian officials united in insisting that the Government's collapse, forced by the rejection of its budget, should not compromise Italy's efforts to ready itself for the single currency.

Giorgio Macciotta, Treasury under-secretary, said: "This is a idiotic crisis. However nothing is compromised for the entry into Europe. It cannot be ruled out that solutions will be presented which will allow entry."

Italy, like Britain, stands out from those countries who are regarded as likely to join the single currency because it has much higher interest rates.

Irvine drops plan for lay people to help pick judges

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

THE Lord Chancellor has ditched controversial plans for a Judicial Appointments Commission, in which lay people would have helped in the selection of judges.

Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, said yesterday he had decided not to consult on the idea of setting up a Commission because of the "very heavy workload" facing his department. Instead, he announced other reforming measures aimed at modernising the judiciary in the run-up to the millennium and improving "openness, flexibility and effectiveness" of the system.

Vacancies for High Court judgeships will be advertised for the first time within the legal profession, ending the system of appointment to the senior judiciary by invitation only. There are currently 93 High Court judges on a salary of £108,192. Under the last Lord Chancellor, vacancies of lower judicial ranks such as circuit and district judges was introduced.

Lord Irvine is also to consider setting up a judges' ombudsman to handle complaints from aggrieved candidates for judicial posts. The proposal for a Judicial Appointments Commission, Labour policy for some years although omitted from the election manifesto, is strongly opposed by the senior judiciary.

But Lord Irvine is understood to have changed his mind about a Commission without the need for lobbying by senior judges. A Lord Chancellor's Department spokesman said: "It is his decision entirely. Obviously he talks to senior judges - but he feels that a Commission is really not necessary at the moment. One can never say "never", but it is really on the backburner. He would rather get on with the changes he thinks should be made."

Other planned reforms included consideration on whether part-time judges — assistant recorders and recorders — should undego "performance appraisal".

Second, in a move to help men and women with families, he announced flexibility in the "sitting" requirements for part-time judges (assistant recorders and recorders) so that they can notch up their 20 days sitting a year more conveniently.

Supporters of a commission — made up of lay members as well as legal professionals — believed it would open up the appointments process and help break the dominance of the judiciary by white, middle class men.

Approval for 24-hour news from BBC

By Raymond Snoddy, Media Editor

THE BBC was last night given permission by the Government to launch a 24-hour television news service in Britain and offer it free to cable operators. BBC News 24 should be available early next month in nearly 1½ million homes with cable television.

The plan has already been attacked by British Sky Broadcasting, which sells its 24-hour television news service Sky News to cable groups for 49p a month to subscribers. A number of cable companies have already informed BSkyB that they want to cancel Sky News in favour of the free BBC service. News International, owner of *The Times*, has a 40 per cent stake in BSkyB.

The new BBC service, which the corporation said would cost £30 million a year to run, was intended for the new digital television services which were expected to be launched this autumn but have been delayed until next year. The corporation is now planning to launch the service on cable and transmit it on BBC1 in the early hours of the morning.

BSkyB has accused the BBC of predatory pricing in offering the service free to cable companies. But the corporation says that the service is being funded from the licence fee and that cable customers have already paid for it and should not be charged twice.

Sky may now be forced to reduce the price it charges cable operators for Sky News, which is available to satellite viewers without extra charge. Earlier this week Rupert Murdoch, chairman and chief executive of The News Corporation, said that Sky News had now reached profitability for the first time after seven years' "hard work".

The BBC has been trying to persuade cable operators not to drop Sky News, arguing that its service would be markedly different.

BSkyB said last night that it believed there was no demand for another 24-hour news service. "But we look forward to competing with BBC News, as we have competed with the BBC in sport and other programming."

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Survivor saw friend washed away in storm

By Paul Whittaker

THE skipper of a yacht which capsized after being swamped by a rogue wave off the French coast told last night how he was forced to watch helplessly as his friend was washed away.

Bob Beggs, 37, and Andy Nurse, 33, clung to an upturned liferaft for eight hours after the accident in which Ray Newton, 33, who had three children, is feared drowned.

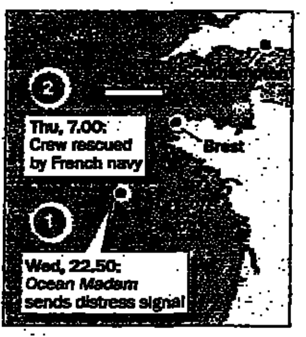
Mr Beggs, a sailing instructor from Plymouth, and Mr Nurse, of London, were winched to safety from the Bay of Biscay by a French navy helicopter shortly before 7am yesterday after their ordeal in the gale-lashed seas.

All three men were army Commando reservists; Mr Beggs and Mr Nurse are both former serving Commandos. Neither Mr Nurse nor Mr Newton had been out to sea on a yacht before.

Mr Beggs, speaking from a French military hospital in Brest, Brittany, said: "We were hit by a large wave which completely overturned the yacht. Two of us managed to cling to the boat for about two minutes and then another wave righted the boat."

Mr Beggs said he had not intended to abandon the yacht, which was nose-down in the water. The two rescued men were securing supplies in the six-man raft when it broke away from the dismasted vessel.

He said Mr Newton, who had been sleeping below when the wave hit, and had been strapped to the boat by a safety harness, had not managed to reach the raft before it was swept away in the huge swell. The liferaft later filled with water and overturned with the two men clinging to its slippery underside.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Wed, 22.50: Ocean Madam sends distress signal

The alarm was raised at 10.50pm on Wednesday night when French rescue authorities received a distress signal from the 38ft *Ocean Madam* 120 miles west of Brest. Mr Beggs said he and Nurse heard aircraft searching for them overhead for several hours but were unable to retrieve flares to signal to the planes. "They knew the area we were in but they couldn't see us. We knew if we could hang on until first light they would be able to spot us," Mr Beggs said.

There were unconfirmed reports that the pilot of an airplane saw Mr Newton, of London, swimming but he could not be located by the time a helicopter found them.

Mr Nurse said he was torn by conflicting emotions. "It was an incredible relief as we were hoisted into the helicopter, and then a major downer when the first thing I asked was whether they had found a third man, and they said no."

He added: "Ray and I had never been out to sea on a yacht before, and I was a bit apprehensive about the sea, so I thought I would sort my phobia out, but I don't think this has done the job."

The three friends set off on a voyage from Malta almost a month ago and were sailing the final leg from La Coruna, Spain, to Plymouth when they hit the force nine gale.

Mr Beggs, an experienced sailor who was skippering the Dartmouth-registered vessel as a favour for its owner, Paul Drew of Devon, said: "I am devastated at what happened to him (Ray). It was a horrendous night for us but we are both ex-servicemen so that made it easier.

"The water was warm but I don't know how long we could have lasted. We were going along one minute and the next minute we were under water and upside down in the pitch dark." The two rescued sailors were expected to return to England last night.

Mr Beggs's partner, Carole Newman, who lives with him and their seven-month-old daughter Rebecca, said she was very relieved he was safe and had not been injured. "He was the skipper so he feels it is his responsibility," she said.

The yachtsman Tony Bullimore, who was rescued by the Royal Australian Navy from an upturned boat in the Southern Ocean last January, said he knew Mr Beggs from his days on the Plymouth yachting scene. Mr Bullimore said: "I'm over the moon to hear Bob and another man are safe and just hope they find the missing person too."

He praised the French rescue authorities and added: "It shows the importance of having beacons fitted to all craft, whether they be small pleasure craft or large commercial vessels."

Gordon Whatley, the Falmouth Coastguard watch officer, last night described Mr Newton's chances of survival as slim. "He has been in the water for an awfully long time — but you never know."

A French naval patrol helicopter and the merchant vessel *Nadia* were preparing to abandon their search in fading light last night with rescue efforts being hampered by 30-40 knot winds.

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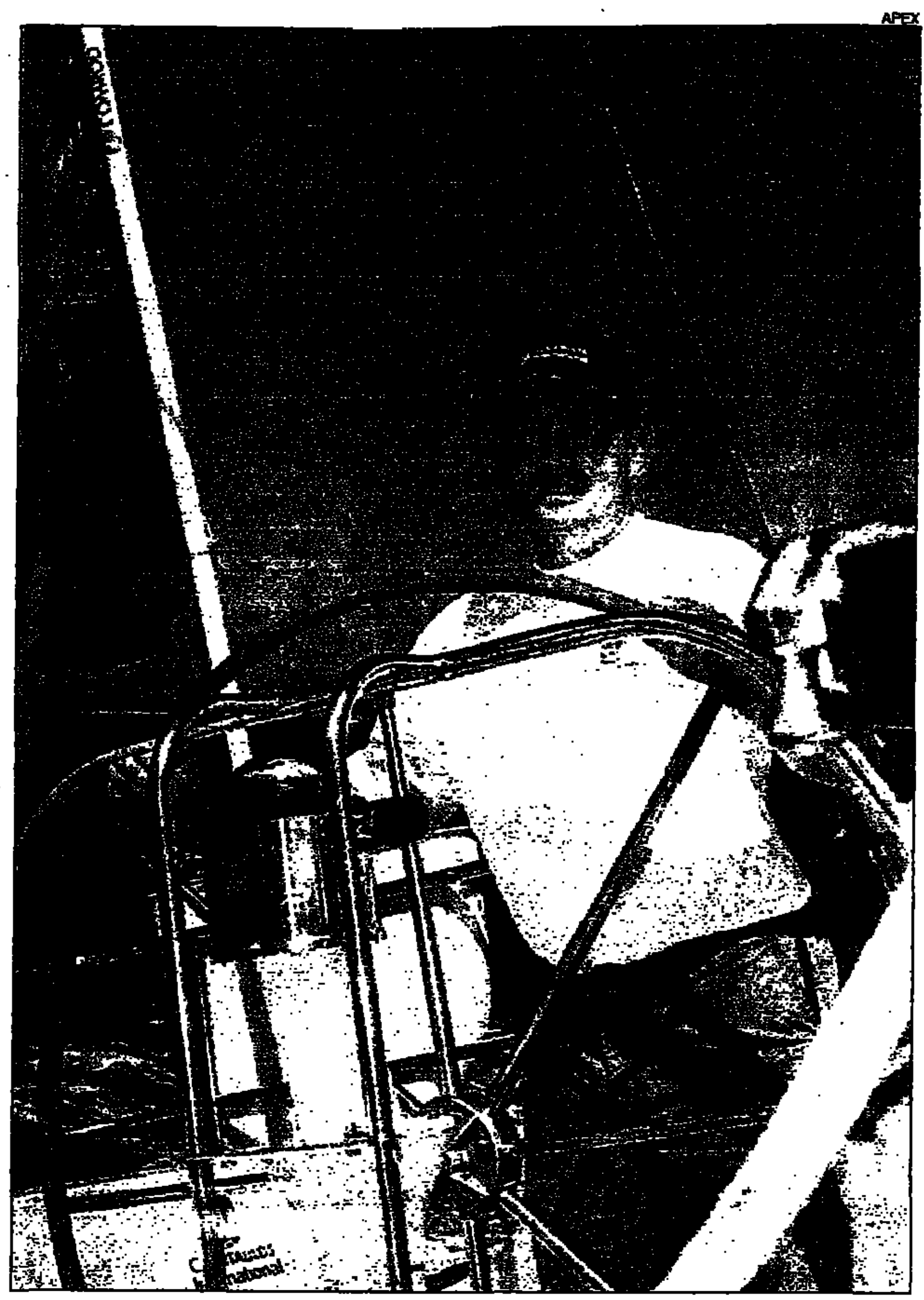

Bob Beggs, skipper of the yacht, was rescued after eight hours clinging to a liferaft

CRASH KILLS SAILOR WHO WON OLYMPIC MEDAL FOR BRITAIN

By Edward Gorman
Sailing Correspondent

THE British sailing world was in mourning yesterday following the death of one of its brightest stars, Olympic silver-medallist John Merricks, who was killed in a car crash in Italy on Wednesday night.

Merricks, 26, had been taking part in the Glenfiddich Melges 24 European Championships at Punta Ala with a crew including his longtime sailing partner, friend and fellow 470 silver medallist, Ian Walker. According to sources in Punta Ala, the pair were among 12 people in a Land-Rover on their way to a sponsor's dinner after racing, when the driver lost control and the vehicle crashed. No other car was involved. Merricks was in the front passenger seat and died at the scene. Also injured were Sacha Nice, who suffered bad cuts and damage to his shoulder, and Andy Yeoman, who has a fractured his skull.

Merricks: tributes

Merricks and Walker won silver at the Olympics last year and won the Mumm 36 class in the Admiral's Cup this summer. They were leading the Melges regatta with two days left to sail. However, as a mark of respect, the organisers cancelled the remaining races, though one may be held today as a memorial.

The death of one of the most popular and talented helmsmen shocked the sport. Jim Saltonstall, the Royal Yachting Association Olympic team coach, who first taught Merricks when he was 14, said: "There was a lot of natural talent and flair which was always wanting to burst out of him. To John, sailing came first and everything else came second."

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Sligo on alert for return of French killer

By Audrey Magee and Susan Bell

JRISH police, ports and airports were placed on alert yesterday for a suspected French triple killer believed to be planning further attacks in Ireland.

Jacques Girardin, 39, is being sought by French and Irish police after Pascale Longesserre, 38, was found last week raped and stabbed to death in her apartment in Angers, northwest France.

Her son Florian, 4, and Camille, her 18-month old daughter, were found in a separate room, stabbed and bludgeoned to death with a hammer in what French police called "an indescribably savage attack".

They were dead for up to two weeks before neighbours' complaints of a foul smell were investigated last Thursday.

French police believe that Girardin, a former psychiatric patient, may be en route to Ireland, where he has lived intermittently since 1989. They found his diary, in which he wrote of his plans to kill people in Ireland. Interpol contacted the Gardai to warn them. A French arrest warrant is expected.

The suspect lived in Sligo where people are petrified at the prospect of his return. He regularly argued with the townspeople and was convicted in 1990 of trying to burn down a restaurant after management barred him for pestering staff. He returned at night and threw a petrol bomb through the door. He was jailed for five years for the arson attack, but released after two years and deported to France.

He returned on two occasions and was treated in a psychiatric hospital after being spotted lurking around primary schools.

Jacques Girardin: savage attack

Professor digs up an explanation for nightmare of the living-dead

By A Correspondent

ZOMBIES — supposedly corpses brought back to life by black magic — are probably people with psychiatric disorders and brain damage, according to a British anthropologist.

Voodoo is so much part of the culture in Haiti, where thousands are said to wander the Caribbean island, that "zombification" is considered murder under the penal code, even though the victim is still alive.

Zombies are people whose will, awareness and memory have been stolen by a sorcerer, called a boko. The victim appears to be dead and is usually buried in an above-ground tomb. The boko then steals and re-animates the body, and sets it to work as a slave. Up to 1,000 zombies are said to be created each year, and they are frequently recognised by the local population.

Their horror-film world was investigated by Professor Roland Littlewood, from the Department of Anthropology and Psychiatry at University College London, with Chavannes Douyon, an expert based at the Polyclinique Medica in Port-au-Prince.

One "zombie", a 30-year-old woman who apparently died and was then found wandering near her village three years later, appeared to have a severe psychiatric condition called catatonic schizophrenia, which made her mute and immobile. A 26-year-old man, who also turned up after being buried in a family tomb, seemed to be suffering from brain damage and epilepsy — possibly due to an episode of oxygen starvation. The scientists wrote in *The Lancet* that it was possible that belief in zombies helped to integrate mentally-ill individuals into society. However, they did not rule out the possibility that poisons — such as the toxin from the puffer fish — may be used by bokos to induce paralysis, after which the victims are stolen from tombs. A substance called Datura stramonium had been suggested as a means of reviving the victims.

The researchers said there was unlikely to be a single explanation for all zombies. "Given that death is locally recognised without access to medical certification, and that burial usually occurs within a day of death, it is not implausible for a retrieved person to be alive," they said.

Driver guilty of killing five when digger arm hit cars

By Simon de Bruxelles

AN OVERWORKED lorry driver who caused the deaths of five motorists when he forgot to secure the arm of a digger he was transporting was yesterday found guilty of dangerous driving.

The digger's bucket swung loose in the dark and sliced the roofs off five cars, decapitating four drivers and a passenger in the accident near Newquay Cornwall.

Mark Wade, the driver of the low-loader, told Truro Crown Court that he had worked for 15 hours and driven about 500 miles that day for his employers, who were also found guilty. He said he had no training or proper supervision and made fatal safety errors before the accident at Castle-an-Dinas in December 1995.

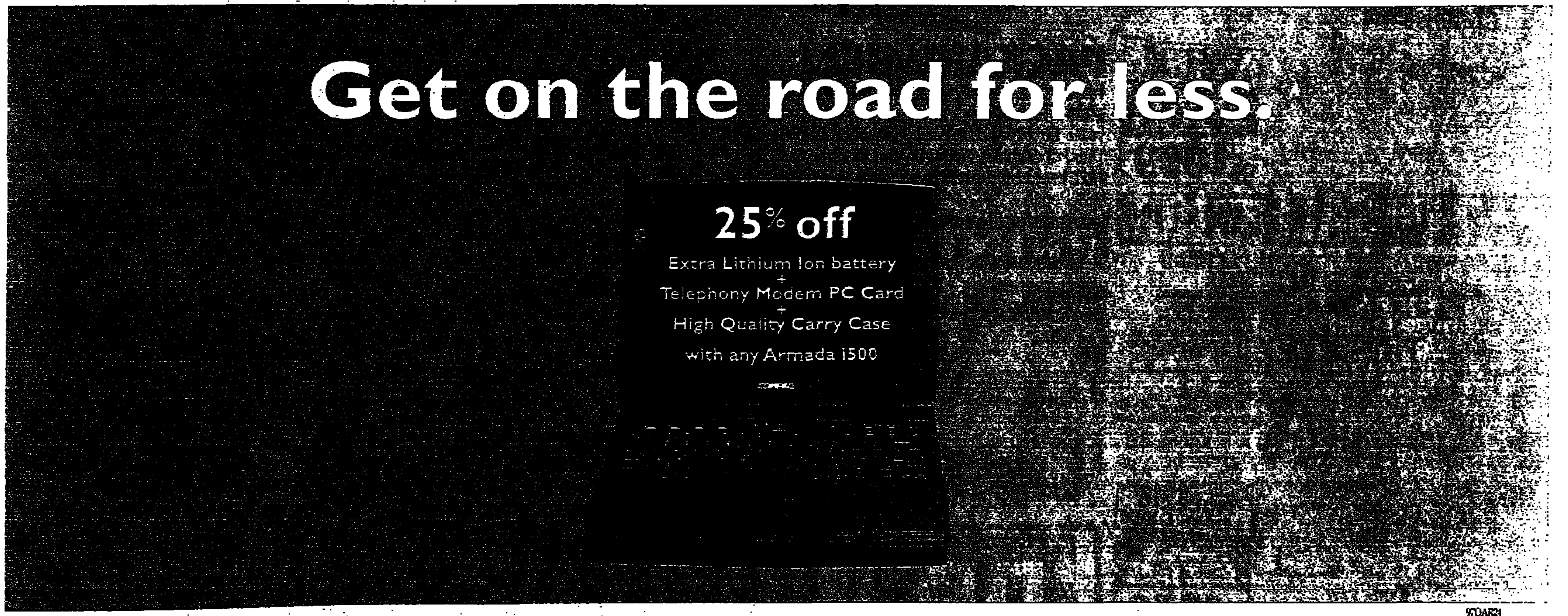
The court was told that tiredness could have been a factor in Wade's failure to load the digger safely. He did not secure the arm with a pin or chain and dirt caused the hydraulics to fail. Wade said he had never been taught how to secure the digger arm and claimed most drivers did not use the chain provided.

Wade, of St Columb Major, Cornwall, had denied causing the death of Gwynneth Moore, 31, and Kristy Green, 19, both from Bodmin; and William Barratt, 54, Mark Trebilcock, 28, and Hilary Cocks, 43, all from Newquay.

Bazeley Plant Hire, of St Columb Major, and Chepstow Plant Hire, had both denied failing to ensure the vehicle was not a safety risk.

Before the trial Wade admitted falsifying a tachograph record and five counts of failing to keep proper driving records.

Sentencing on Wade was adjourned for social inquiry reports. Both companies will be sentenced today.



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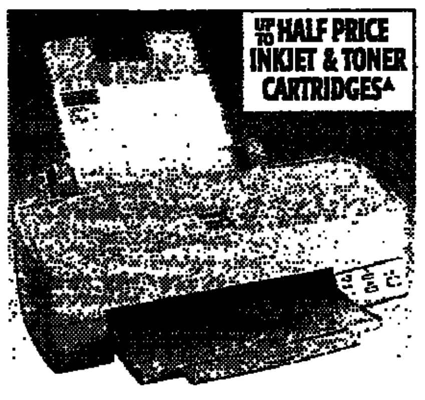

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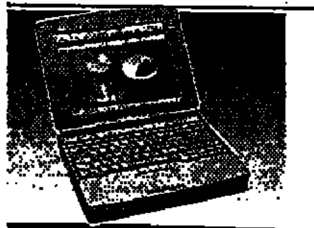

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Boston harbours no doubts about au pair's guilt

AS THE trial of Louise Woodward, the 19-year-old British au pair charged with murdering a nine-month-old boy in her care, ended its third day yesterday, resentful locals remain convinced of her "guilt".

The people of Cambridge, a pleasant university town dominated by Harvard, and of bustling Boston near by, are riveted by the case. They waste no time in telling you that "she did it" or that "she must have done it".

There is also a simmering resentment against the British press, which is accused of siding with Miss Woodward and of casting aspersions on the quality of American justice.

Local news interest has been unflagging. Radio talk shows

Residents resent aspersions on American justice, reports Tunku Varadarajan

are dominated by it, as is regional television. The front pages of the local papers — *The Boston Globe*, a broadsheet, and the tabloid *Boston Herald* — are plastered regularly with her pictures, in which she always appears severe and impassive.

The press fastens on to the minutiae of Miss Woodward's life with the Eappen family, whose baby son, Matthew, she is accused of killing. Instinctively, the news coverage has been slanted against her: the area is old-fashioned, and there is great sympathy for the middle-class couple who are grieving for their dead child.

At Sonsie's, a stylish bar in Boston, I spoke to a group of students from Harvard. They were convinced that Miss Woodward had killed the boy in her charge. One said: "You can see it in her face. I mean, she's the nanny from hell." Another, a woman, said: "Sure, she did it. There may be some doubts, but those will be resolved as the trial continues. There is no way that she's going to get off."

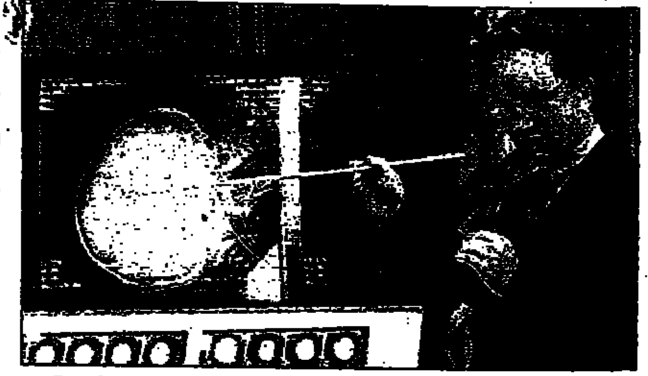
In adversity, Miss Woodward is a ubiquitous figure. At breakfast today, the waitress at my table said: "You're down from England for the trial, aren't you? What do you think? She did it, didn't she?"

At the Green Dragon Tavern in Boston — an Irish pub — discussion swiftly turned to Miss Woodward after some routine unpleasantness about Ulster. "Let's face it, chaps," a swiller of dark beer pronounced, "you think she's innocent just because she's from England. Well, things don't work like that around here, you know."

Intriguingly, however, there is an undercurrent of complaint against Deborah Eappen, the dead boy's mother. Marjorie O'Hanlon, a woman in her mid-fifties serving behind a bar, told me: "How could she leave her child in the care of someone she didn't know?

"Okay, she had a job, she was a doctor, she had a good salary. But does she have a baby now? No. I think she shares some responsibility for choosing not to stay at home."

Yesterday, at the trial, the pendulum appeared to have swung back to the prosecution. Patrick Barnes, a neuroradiologist at Boston's Children's Hospital, testified that the injuries sustained by Matthew were "a classic model of the shaken-impact brain injury one sees in child abuse". Unlike some witnesses on the second day, who suggested that Matthew's injuries may have occurred "up to two weeks before" his admission to hospital on February 5, Dr Barnes said that it was inconceivable that the "shaking and impacting" occurred any earlier than a few hours before he was admitted for treatment.



Patrick Barnes: no evidence of previous brain damage

Woodward smiling yesterday: the American press shows her severe-faced

Courtroom clash over expert's testimony

LAWYERS for Miss Woodward clashed with an expert prosecution witness yesterday over his claims that Matthew Eappen could not have died from accidental injuries.

Barry Scheck, for the defence, said to Patrick Barnes, a neuro-radiologist, during cross-examination: "Let us assume on February 4 there was no impact." The doctor said: "That's a hard one to assume".

Mr Scheck then asked him to assume that "there had been some prior bleeding in the brain causing Matthew to have difficulty breathing". Dr Barnes replied: "That is not what happened."

Mr Scheck shouted at him: "Were you there?", before Judge Hiller Zobel intervened to order both men to be silent.

Two medical experts conceded on Wednesday that the injuries suffered by Matthew could have been days or weeks old from some of the medical evidence. Dr Barnes said there was nothing in the brain scans he carried out to suggest that.

He ruled out a gentle shaking, a tossing on a bed or a fall in the bathroom as a cause of the brain injuries. "It would certainly have required much more force."

However, he admitted that discarded analysis of a blood clot removed from Matthew's brain could have been "helpful".

Miss Woodward, 19, of Elton, near Chester, denies murder. The trial continues.

Saturday in THE TIMES

Byronic man

Murray Lachlan Young, poetry's great white hype

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How to write a best-seller

Making a splat in the noble cause of science

By Anjana Ahuja

IT PROVES that scientists will study just about anything. The annual list of winning topics in the spoof Ig Nobel prizes last night ranged from chicken-plucking to insect splats on car windscreens. It also showed that scientists have a sense of humour.

The trophies foisted upon those whose "achievements cannot or should not be reproduced" are bestowed in similar fields of endeavour as the genuine Nobel prizes, and 1,200 people attended the irreverent ceremony at Harvard University.

Among the winners was Bernard Vonnegut (deceased brother of Kurt), from the State University of Albany, who was posthumously awarded the prize for meteorology for a report on "Chicken Plucking as a Measure of Tornado Wind Speed". Harold Hillman, from the University of Surrey, secured the peace prize for a paper entitled "The Possible Pain Experienced During Execution by Different Methods" in the journal *Perception*.

The prize for medicine was conferred on a trio of American researchers who discovered that the muzak played in lifts could stimulate the immune system and "thus help to prevent the common cold". The developers of Tamagotchi toys walked off with the economics prize "for diverting millions of person-hours of work into the husbandry of virtual pets".

A New Jersey author won the accolade for astronomy for identifying "a human face on Mars and ten-mile high buildings on the far side of the moon". The literature prize went to mathematicians responsible for the discovery of a secret code in the Bible, and a Florida entomologist was applauded for his scholarly work *That Gunk on Your Car*, "which identifies the insect splats that appear on automobile windows".

An investigation by Japanese and Czech researchers into brainwave patterns of people who chew different flavours of gum picked up the Ig Nobel prize for biology.

Real laureates participated gamely. William Lipscomb (Chemistry, 1976) was given away in a Win-a-Date-with-a-Nobel Laureate competition. Plaster casts of laureates' left feet were auctioned to raise money for schools. The event, in its seventh year, was sponsored by the Harvard-Radcliffe Science Fiction Association, the Harvard Computer Society, and the *Annals of Improbable Research*.

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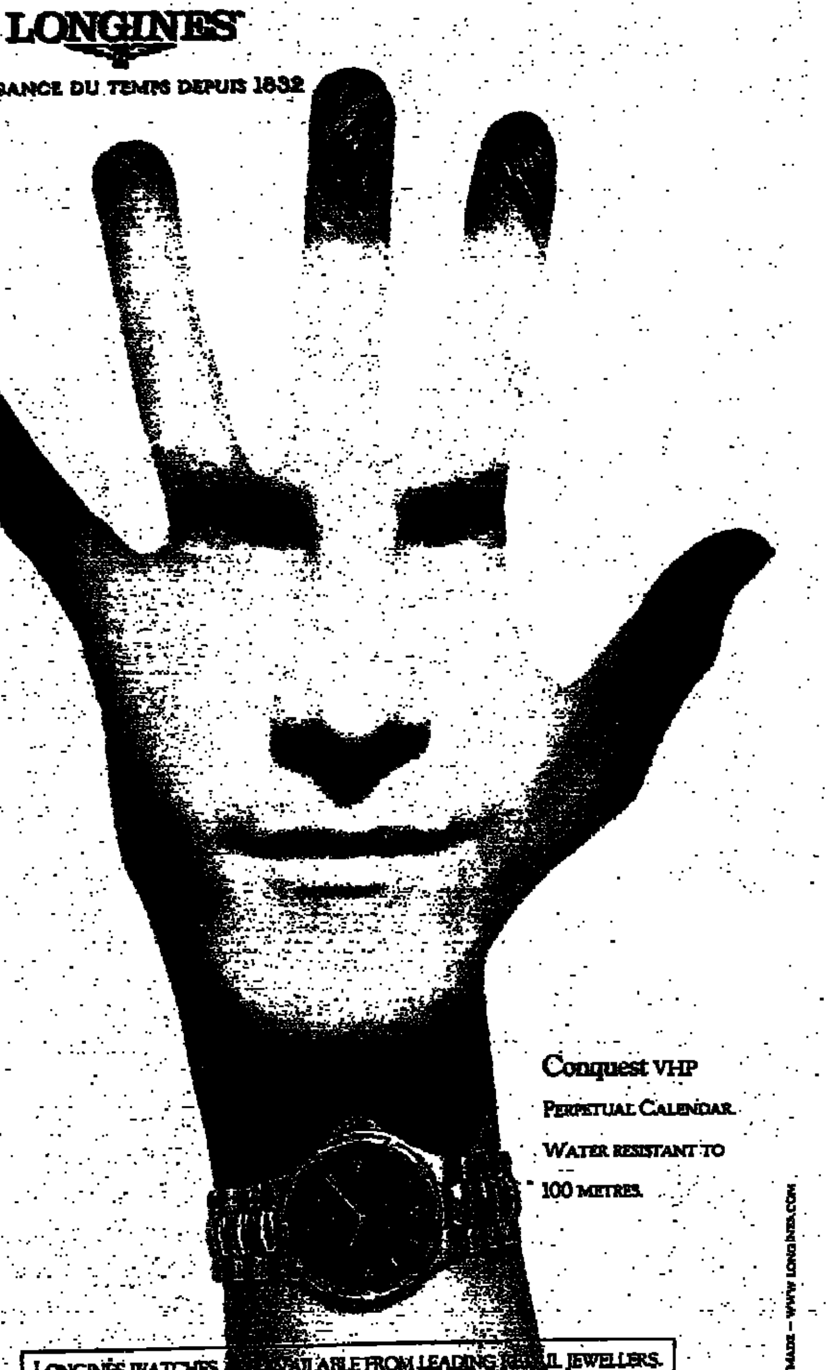

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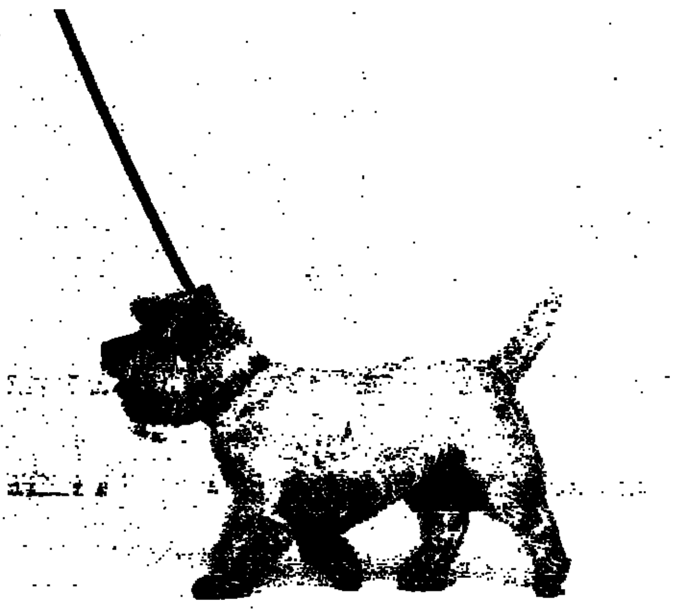

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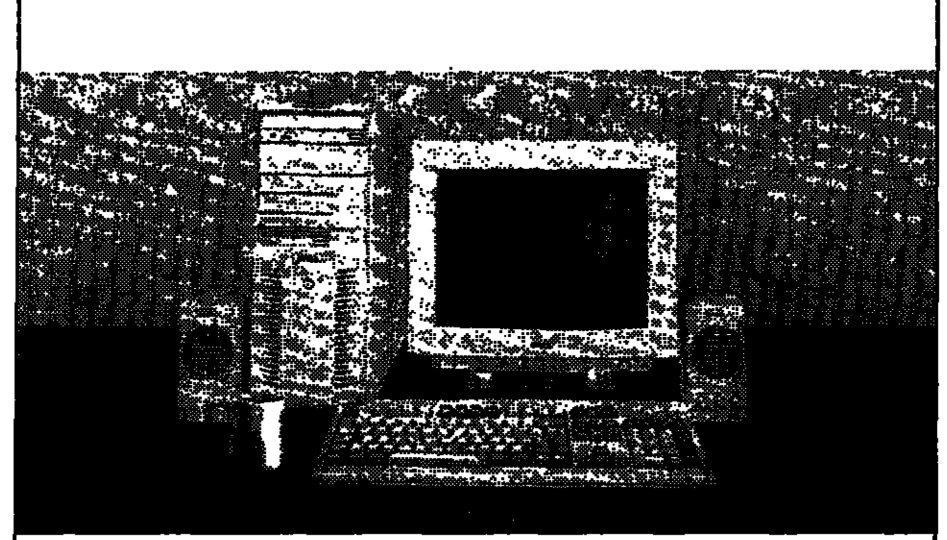

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Communist Party chief's secretary worked for MI5

By Michael Evans
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

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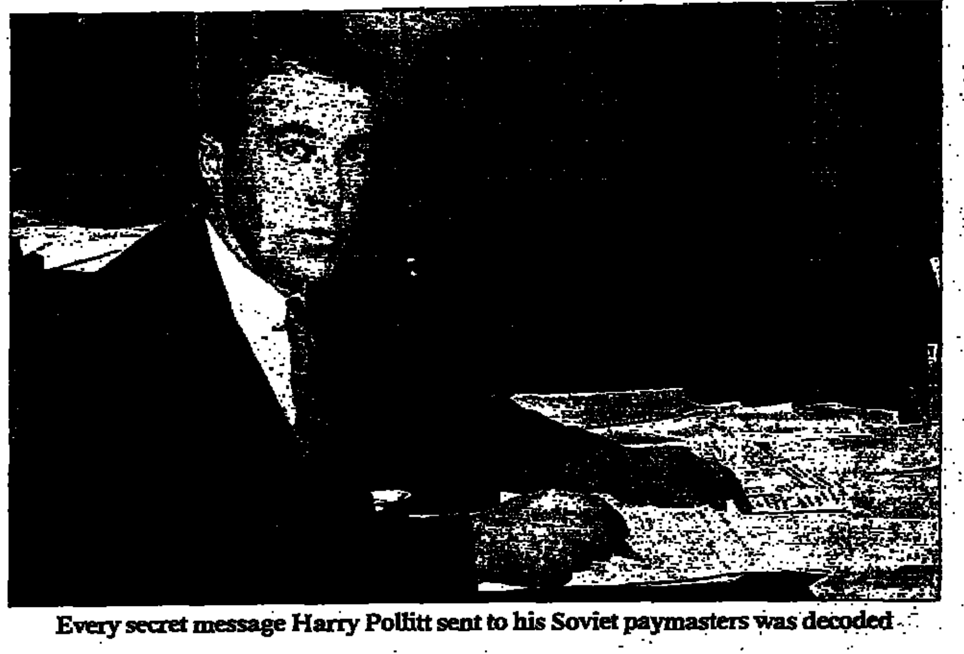

Every secret message Harry Pollitt sent to his Soviet paymasters was decoded

HARRY POLLITT, leader of the British Communist Party for 30 years until his death in 1960, sent his secretary to Moscow with sensitive material, unaware that she was working for MI5 and that every secret message he transmitted to his Soviet paymasters was being decoded by Britain's intelligence services.

Thousands of messages transmitted secretly by radio in the mid-1930s by Pollitt and other Communists were decoded by the Government Code and Cypher School under Operation Mask. The files, marked "Most Secret", which have been held by GCHQ, the signals intelligence centre in Cheltenham, were released yesterday by the Public Record Office in Kew, southwest London.

One of the most intriguing messages between Moscow and Pollitt concerned the expected arrival in the Soviet capital of an Ann Gray and "a suitcase containing important *material*".

This was a reference to a woman also known as Olga Gray, who at 19 was recruited by Maxwell Knight, MI5's *master agent-runner, and* became Pollitt's secretary in the early 1930s. He used to send her on "secret" missions. *Pollitt transmitted a message* on April 5, 1936, to a controller codenamed Abraham: "Stewart declares that Ann Gray has a suitcase containing im*portant material.*". *On April* 10, Moscow sent back a message after Pollitt's secretary had arrived: "Received suitcase Anne Grey (sic). Books prom*ised not enclosed.*"

Unaware that his whole organisation had been penetrated and bugged by MI5, Pollitt *remained in constant* touch with his Soviet controllers in the Communist International (Comintern), the international body set up by *the Soviet Union to co-ordi*nate Communist activities.

Money was one of his prime concerns and hundreds of his messages refer to payments *that were made via Stock*holm. The money was paid in Dutch guilders or Swiss francs or sometimes French francs.

One of Moscow's orders was for Pollitt and the Communist Party to mount a campaign to support the trials *in Moscow of Trotsky and* Grigori Zinoviev, president of the Comintern who had been charged with being in league with the Fascists. His efforts, *however, were not good* enough for Moscow, which complained in a message on August 20, 1936, that the campaign was developing "very weakly".

But eight days later a message was transmitted to Moscow from an agent in London codenamed West: "Received from Stockholm 24,000 Dutch guilders and 2,200 Swedish krones, equal to £3,344/5/9."

Pollitt used to be paid monthly in advance. But sometimes he admitted he was in financial trouble.

In 1934 he was put on trial but was acquitted. He was congratulated by Moscow. But Pollitt replied: "Thanks for congratulations ... but it cost £400, *repeat* £400. What about that side of it? Would you like to see me arrested for debt?".

Several messages also revealed Pollitt's annoyance over Moscow's insistence on him sending female students to attend a special training establishment called Wilson *School*.

On November 7, 1934, Pollitt sent the following message to Moscow: "Why give me a dog's life about girl students? Sending you two by steamer, leaving this week. Do you want all the women we have? Begin suspect you personally keep harem."

Five days later, a message came from Moscow: "Desire one more girl."

Humble harmonica wins a degree of respectability

By Emma Wilkins

THE mouth organ, favoured instrument of lovelorn cowboys and penniless buskers, has achieved academic respectability with the introduction of a university degree course in harmonica studies.

Steve Lockwood, 30, has given up his job as singer and musician in his own jive band to begin a three-year course at Anglia University in Cambridge. Instead of studying classical composers, he will play the blues and jazz and analyse the work of leading harmonica players including Larry Adler and Sonny Boy Williamson.

As the only student on the harmonica course, Mr Lock*wood will also study how Bob* Dylan and The Rolling Stones have influenced the popularity of the mouth organ.

"I love the harmonica above all other instruments because of its range of expression," Mr Lockwood said. "It can sound camp-fire classically sad or very lively and happy. You can play classical, blues, folk and jazz. The harmonica is totally accessible — you can take it anywhere and it can be played by a four year old."

Mr Lockwood is cutting down on foreign tours with his nine-man band, Jump *Bump N'Boogie, for the dura*tion of his course. *"I want to* write classical and modern music for the harmonica. But my ultimate aim is to become professor of the harmonica at a university," he said.

"There are professors of the harmonica in other parts of the world, but I think it would be a first in Britain."

Larry Adler, 84, who first played the mouth organ professionally at the age of 14, welcomed Mr Lockwood's commitment. "I have never heard of anyone taking a degree in the harmonica but I think it's a fine idea. I hope he succeeds in his ambition to become a professor."

Experts discount deadly flu virus

By Nick Nuttall

DOCTORS preparing for the seasonal outbreak of influenza viruses say that a deadly new strain isolated in Hong Kong will not disrupt their plans for *this year's immunisation* programme.

The virus, H5N1, was detected in a three-year-old boy who caught the disease and died from pneumonia in May. Experts at the National Influenza Centre in Rotterdam fear that it could trigger a worldwide epidemic, echoing the influenza epidemics of 1918 when up to 30 million people died.

A spokesman for the Public Health Laboratory Service's Centre for Communicable *Diseases said last night*: "We do not consider this a threat to any communities, especially in the West." The strain contracted by the boy was *found to have* come from chickens at his preschool centre. The spokesman said they believed it would remain "an avian phenomenon. H5 and other avian viruses are not transmissible within the human population. The fact that this boy did not transmit it supports this theory."

Public health experts are not predicting an epidemic this year because Britons have built up immunity to the flu viruses heading this way from the southern hemisphere.

A glass of whatever you fancy gladdens the heart

By Ian Murray
MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

BEER, wine or spirits drunk in moderation are all good for reducing the risk of heart disease in people over 50, according to research published yesterday.

There has been considerable evidence in the past that red wine drunk in small quantities regularly is good for the heart. However, Arthur Klatsky, a professor at the Kaiser Centre in Oakland, California, told a London conference that beer, *especially German beer, was* better for the hearts of men. Wine was better than beer for women's hearts, although there was no particular advantage in red *over white*.

A quarter of the people in the developed world die of heart disease, and the conference at the Novartis Foundation was told that in people over 50, those who drank up to three units a day were 25 per cent less likely to suffer from cardiovascular disease.

Although there was no clear idea of how alcohol protected the heart, evidence pointed to the fact that it increased levels of high-density lipoprotein — *known as the "good cholesterol"* — which reduced the risk of a stroke. The important factor in taking alcohol as a medicine was never to go on a binge, but to maintain a *small* regular intake.

"When studies are controlled for lifestyle, education, drinking habits and beverage preference, a small amount of alcohol seems to protect men and women to the same degree," Peter Anderson of the World Health Organisation said.

☐ The first television commercial by a heart-disease charity will be shown tonight during Channel 4's *Brookside*. It is part of a four-week campaign by the British Heart Foundation to shock the public into realising that coronary disease kills 1,300 *more* people under 50 each year than do road accidents.

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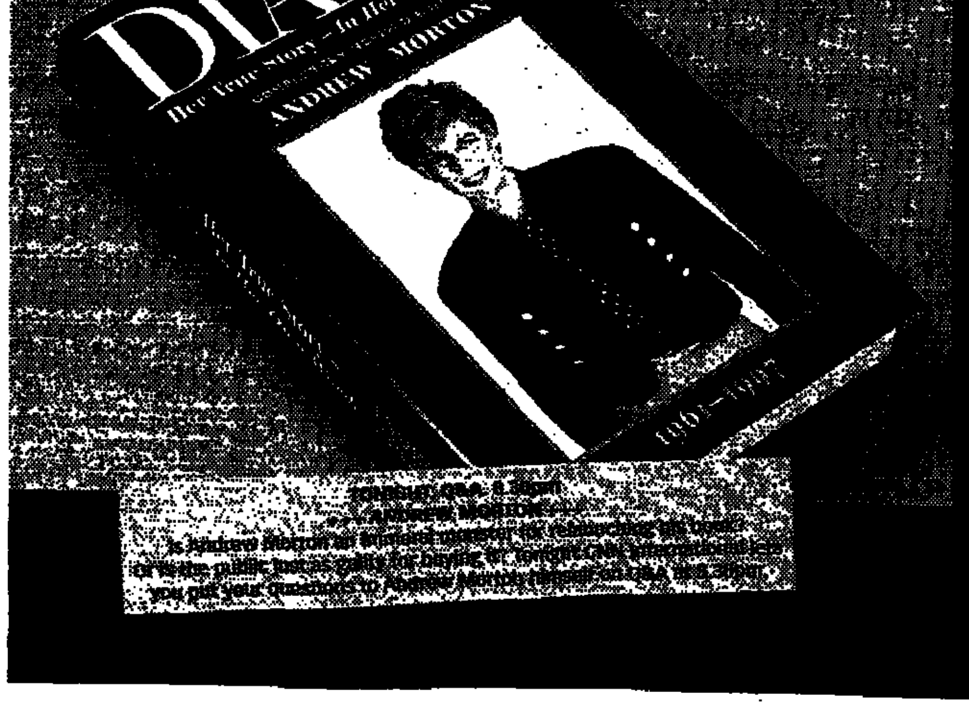

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World of riches lies at England players' feet

Italy would win easily on pay, but Premiership is catching up quickly, writes

Daniel McGrory

WHATEVER else England's footballers achieve in their World Cup qualifier in Rome on Saturday they have already earned the distinction of being the wealthiest team ever to *leave these shores.*

But rich as they are, man for man their Italian opponents make a lot more. Already on far better salaries, the Italians have each been offered a £40,000 bonus to win, compared with England's £10,000.

The England squad insist that the money does not matter, of course. The ubiquitous football agents tell a different story. One said yesterday: "Players use these games to compare their deals and no teams do it better than these two."

Gianfranco Zola, Italy's star striker, has boasted to teammates how he improved his salary by moving to England, where Chelsea pay him £25,000 a week. His partner in attack, Christian Vieri, did better by moving to Spain, where he gets £40,000 a week at Atletico Madrid.

Guy Feld, a City analyst with Union Bank of Switzerland, said: "These are the two wealthiest teams without any doubt, and their financial prospects are going only one way — up. By the time of the World Cup finals next summer many of them will have doubled their basic wage."

In their last survey of wages in the FA Carling Premiership, in 1996, Deloitte & Touche found that players' salaries had risen by 25 per cent on average from the previous season. In the 1994-95 season the Premiership wage bill was £172,683,000.

Players such as Teddy Sheringham, who moved to Manchester United from Tottenham Hotspur for £3.5 million, secured a £20,000-a-week pay deal, while his likely striking partner on Saturday, Arsenal's Ian Wright, has improved his contract to £16,000 a week. Paul Ince confessed he took a wage cut to leave Internazionale in Italy to join Liverpool, but even in such reduced circumstances he gets £25,000 a week. The club paid him a £500,000 signing-on fee in addition to a slice of his £5 million transfer.

Mr Feld said: "Add to that players' bonuses, their endorsements, advertising and merchandising contracts and you see why they are millionaires."

In a survey earlier this month of the hundred wealthiest Britons under 30, *The Times* found that four are members of the England squad. Paul Ince, 29, is estimated to be worth £3 million. On top of his basic wage at Anfield he collected £1.5 million for his two recent transfers that were worth £11 million, and has signed a £500,000-a-year deal to wear Adidas boots.

Paul Gascoigne is said to be paid £1 million a year. As well as his £20,000-a-week basic wage from Glasgow Rangers he has a £300,000-a-year deal to wear Predator boots for Adidas and can add as much again from advertisements for Walker's Crisps, and from appearances on television and in magazines such as *Hello* which bought the exclusive rights to photograph his wedding.

The man most likely to earn more than the rest by the time of the World Cup finals is Manchester United's David Beckham, 21. This will not be from his salary alone as last year he signed a five-year wage deal worth £1.5 million. *However, his highly publi*cised relationship with a Spice Girl helped to secure an advertising deal with Brylcreem worth £1 million and a four-year contract with Adidas for £800,000 a year. Alan Shearer, currently injured, earns £37,000 a week and is 36th among Britain's wealthy under-30-year-olds

Eric Hall, a football agent, said: "English football is just beginning to realise its marketing potential. When Gazza cried in the World Cup finals he made a million from advertising contracts. When Gareth Southgate missed the penalty that out us out of Euro 96 he made more from doing pizza adverts on television than the players who scored."

Team prepares, pages 44, 48

David Beckham, left, who has a £1 million contract with Brylcreem, and Glenn Hoddle, England's coach

Italians step up security as fans arrive for game

FROM RICHARD DUCE IN ROME

ENGLAND fans had their first taste of the intensive *security planned for the* World Cup qualifying match with Italy as they stepped off the plane in Rome yesterday.

The Italian police are determined that troublemakers who arrive without tickets for the 80,000-seat sell-out clash on Saturday evening will be kept away from the Stadio Olimpico.

Supporters arriving early were asked to produce their match tickets as well as passports at Fiumicino airport before they were allowed to travel on to the capital where 10,000 England fans are expected to arrive by the kickoff. Passengers not attending the game had to provide proof of their travel plans in Rome.

Italian police have already organised a triple cordon around the football stadium for Saturday. Supporters can expect to be searched four times. The only exceptions will be local residents who have been issued with passes. Alcohol has also been banned from sale in the area of the *ground from 7am* on Saturday until 7am on Sunday.

British police have been called in to advise the Italians on known troublemakers. *They estimate that up to 700* England fans with soccer-related convictions will travel to Rome.

At airports in England yesterday, "spotters" from the National Criminal Intelligence Service were taking photographs of passengers on flights to Rome. The pictures will be used by Italian police to identify the culprits if there is trouble.

The potential for violence is not being underestimated by observers of the game in Italy. A victory for either side would jeopardise the chances of the other qualifying for the finals in France next year.

Yesterday England soccer fans reported a thriving black market in tickets. One fan said: "£100 will get you in there."

Adrian Holloway, 23, a trainee accountant of Ealing, West London, who has a ticket through the England Travel Club, said he and his friends had met 20 touts selling tickets anywhere in the ground. Police aimed to reduce the risk of violence by strictly segregating rival fans.

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MARC ASPLAND

Laughing all the way to the bank: Teddy Sheringham yesterday. He got a £20,000-a-week deal by moving

Pubs will net £20m in World Cup spree

PUBS and clubs expect to make £20 million profit as football fans crowd in to watch England's World Cup match against Italy, which is being shown live only on satellite and cable television.

Some pubs are selling tickets for entrance to watch the match on their screens — one bar in Nottingham has sold 1,000 at £2 each — but the main profit will come from extra drinks and food.

Some bars are selling tickets for special meals, and stretching the event out to a whole day. One pub is showing a replay of the 1966 World Cup Final in the afternoon to get fans in the mood.

MPs and others had tried to have the match screened on terrestrial channels as well, but the game can be seen live only on Sky. BSkyB is an associate company of The News Corporation, parent company of *The Times.*

ITV is showing the game in full at 10pm, soon after the final whistle.

England's semi-final defeat in Euro 96 made £26 million for clubs and pubs.

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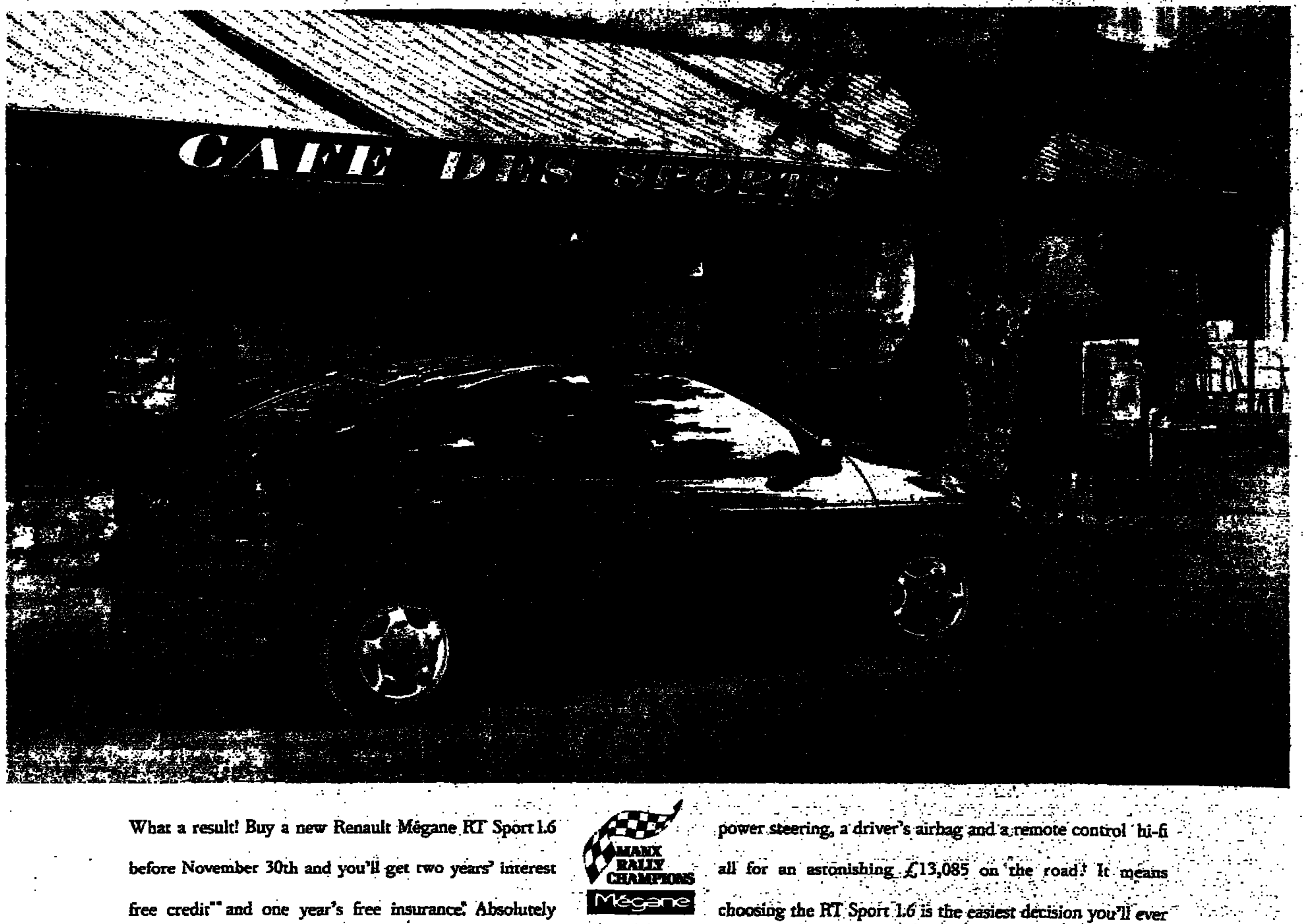

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Wilde grandson condemns film as 'gay-obsessed'

By Dalya Alberge
Arts Correspondent

THE grandson of Oscar Wilde yesterday accused the makers of a film biography of concentrating on his homosexuality to the exclusion of almost all else, including his genius.

Merlin Holland, 51, expressed outrage and regret at a lost opportunity: "This is a film which at best leaves those people unfamiliar with Wilde with an impression of him as a man who jumped in and out of bed with young men."

His homosexuality, for which the dramatist was sentenced in 1895 to two years' hard labour in prison, should have been only part of the film, Mr Holland said. Shortly after reading the script, and feeling that his criticisms were falling on deaf ears, Mr Holland, a writer, turned down a £5,000 fee to be a consultant.

He has refused an invitation to the premiere of *Wilde* which opens next Friday, starring Stephen Fry, claiming that the makers had gone beyond artistic licence. "When they found the film was too long, they cut the only two real literary scenes: about his life as a journalist and the reception of *Dorian Gray*."

The young Oscar, by an unknown artist

He added: "If I went to the premiere, people would be coming up, saying, 'Isn't it a wonderful film' or 'What do you think of the film?' I don't want to be put in that position."

He claims that, of 109 scenes, 11 feature physical contact of a sexual nature, while a further 30 touch on homosexuality through dialogue or body language. "And that's not to mention the trials." One of the most offensive scenes, he said, featured Wilde playing voyeur to Alfred "Bosie" Douglas with a rent boy at the Savoy, for which Mr Holland said there was no evidence.

It was the scandalous affair with Douglas that led to Wilde's downfall. His wife, Constance, fled the country with their two sons and changed the family name to Holland. Her grandson spoke of being disturbed by a scene showing photographs of half-naked Sicilian fisherboys being found in Wilde's desk: "That gives it a sort of grubby feel which I can't believe was there, given what we know about him. It turns Oscar into a dirty paedophile."

He contrasted *Wilde* with two earlier films, starring Robert Morley (1959) and Peter Finch (1960). Both were so prim that they failed to show the lovers even holding hands. *Wilde*, he said, had gone to the other extreme and failed to balance his homosexuality with his love for his family.

Mr Holland also criticised minor factual errors and questioned why Wilde's first trial had been distorted. In the film, the first trial ends with Wilde going to his solicitor's office and confirming that he is withdrawing his libel action against the Marquess of Queensberry, Douglas's father. "What happened was more dramatic. He withdrew in open court."

Hearing of the criticisms, Marc Samuelson, co-producer of the film, said: "I don't regard Merlin Holland as a film critic of any note. So whatever he may think is negated by some of the astoundingly positive reviews we've had.

"He also has a book to sell which is coming out, funnily enough, at the same time as the film. It absolutely does not sensationalise anything. Anyone who sees the film will make up their own minds about that."

The director Brian Gilbert said of Mr Holland: "I've had many conversations with him. He is simply another opinion. I listened very attentively to him. But the evidence about anyone's sexual life is largely speculative." Commenting on the voyeuristic scene, he said: "What it expresses is what went on between Wilde and Bosie. As far as we can tell, their own sexual relationship was over very soon. Of what went on behind closed doors, there is little evidence, apart from what others witnessed at the hotel. We do know he led Oscar into rough trade."

Mr Gilbert added that a film could not convey the complete picture. "There is no substitute for reading his work. Had he been a composer or painter, it would be easy to give evidence of his work. We were essentially trying to convey the quality of his sensibility. Wilde himself said that he put his genius into his life and only his talent into his work."

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Merlin Holland refused to be employed as a consultant on *Wilde*, believing his views had been ignored. He will not attend the premiere

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Letters record Crimean horror

By Alan Hamilton

FIRST-HAND accounts of the appalling conditions suffered by British troops fighting in the Crimean War have surfaced in London, and are expected to make at least £30,000 at auction.

The war of 1854-56 ranks low among the strategic turning-points of world history but it sticks forever in the memory thanks to two writers: Tennyson and William Howard Russell, correspondent of *The Times*. The Poet Laureate recorded the bungling incompetence that annihilated the Light Brigade, and the war reporter uncovered the suffering that led directly to the arrival of Florence Nightingale and the birth of modern nursing.

Vivid descriptions of the conditions endured by the men caught up in a grim and costly war against Russia are contained in a collection of their letters home, assembled by the late philatelist and postal historian Kelly Tighe, which will be sold at Spink, the auctioneers, on Tuesday.

They tell of incompetent leadership, extremes of temperature, disease and almost non-existent medical facilities. One letter, from Lieutenant Clement Heneage, a survivor of the "six hundred" in the Valley of Death at Balaclava, is unflattering of his superior officers at the Charge of the Light Brigade.

In a note to his wife in Wiltshire, Heneage wrote: "We like Cardigan and get on well with him; (Lord) Lucan is a ruffian and Sir G(eorge) Brown a thundering snob who will not allow us to have any porter served out, though there are thousands of gallons of it at Varna."

The son of the Earl of Mayo wrote to his father in Ireland describing conditions at Scutari hospital. "A steamer came down the other day with sick, not provided with shot which is always sewn up with the dead body to make it sink immediately. Consequently the bodies kept floating about when they were thrown over."

In another letter he has praise "only for Miss Florence Nightingale, who has furnished a great part of the hospital with forms, tables, tin plates, etc ... I don't know what the sick would have done without her."

The collection includes one letter from W. H. Russell who, writing to a T. Angell at British Post Office headquarters, after a disastrous British attack on the Great Redan, inquired despairingly: "When sending back bearer with letters, etc, can you spare the time for a line to say if you hear anything about the cause of our failure, etc. Poor Yea, poor Crocker, poor Snodgrass. God help us."

Part of Michelangelo's black chalk study

Masterpiece by Michelangelo on sale for £4m

By Our Arts Correspondent

A DRAWING by Michelangelo has appeared on the market for the first time since 1807. As one of only two of his works to have been offered in the past two decades, it is expected to fetch about £4 million at auction.

Christ and the Woman of Samaria, a black chalk study, is among a handful of Michelangelo drawings in private hands. It is being sold by a Swiss foundation established by Martin Bodmer, a noted bibliophile, shortly before his death in 1971. Measuring 17 by 13in, the study is one of the master's largest drawings.

Gregory Rubinstein, director of Old Master drawings for Sotheby's, which will be selling it in New York, described it as a monumental and poetic late work: "It is a museum-quality work, a major drawing by Michelangelo on any ground. It's a great work by one of the greatest artists who ever lived. The two main figures are remarkable both in size and in the technical skill with which they have been developed: the figure of Christ is rapidly drawn, with bold, parallel strokes and several obvious alterations, while the woman of Samaria is much more highly finished and elaborately modelled."

Michelangelo (1475-1564), is known to have presented a drawing of the same title to his patron, the poet Vittoria Colonna, in about 1542 or 1543 — shortly after completing the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. That drawing has long been lost.

This one has a provenance that includes Cardinal Santa Croce in the 17th century. Mr Rubinstein said that no one is sure when Bodmer bought it, as there are no archives at the foundation.

Before its sale on January 28, it will be exhibited around the world, stopping in London between November 30 and December 2.

Poets use e-mail to avenge Net loss

By Helen Rumbelow

POETS marked National Poetry Day yesterday with an e-mail campaign to stop the illegal reproduction of their work on the Internet, claiming they are losing fees.

Wendy Cope said at the launch of Poets Have Rights Too that she had dedicated a new poem, *The Law of Copyright*, to it. The Poetry Society will send the poem — last line, "If you read this and ignore it, I bloody well hope you get caught" — to any offenders in their electronic mail.

"What annoys me is that we are meant to be so grateful if someone bothers to reproduce our work," Cope said. "We are entitled to be paid for a photocopy, or for the Internet, or for performances."

Dylan Thomas was one of the most popular poets on the Net, even though his work was still in copyright. Chris Zielinski, of the Authors Licensing and Collecting Society, said. "It's an act of homage, but also of piracy."

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SIMON WALKER

Lynda Roberts and Josie Russell with some of Josie's former friends from Goodnestone Primary School at the award ceremony yesterday

Teacher of the year helped Josie to talk again after attack

By John O'Leary, Education Editor

THE primary school teacher who helped ten-year-old Josie Russell to recover the power of speech after witnessing the murder of her mother and sister was named yesterday as teacher of the year.

Josie was left for dead alongside the bodies of her mother, Lin, and six-year-old sister, Megan. They had been attacked while walking home from Goodnestone Primary School, near Canterbury, in Kent, by an assailant who is still at large.

Lynda Roberts, Josie's class teacher, recorded stories and poems to play to her as she lay in hospital unable to communicate. When Josie began to recover, Mrs Roberts helped her to settle back into school.

Josie and her father, Shaun, have since moved back to their native Wales. But she was reunited with her teacher and classmates yesterday at the prize-giving ceremony in London. Still reluctant to speak and wearing a hat to cover her injuries, Josie joined her old friends to congratulate Mrs Roberts on picking up a £10,000 prize for the school. Dr Russell said that her teacher had been the linchpin of Josie's recovery. "She was almost like a second mother."

Mrs Roberts, who is 44 and had two children of her own in Josie's class, said she had not expected her tapes to be so effective, but she knew instinctively how to handle her return to school. She had organised a tea party with Josie's classmates when she left hospital and had then tried to give her a normal school life.

"I have had a lot of special experiences in the last year that, fortunately, no other teacher has had," Mrs Roberts said. "Josie and I are just good friends. We had a really good time because Josie didn't feel very well when she came back to school, and we had a lot of fun."

Mrs Roberts beat more than 1,000 entrants for the Disney-sponsored prize. Daryl Peek, Goodnestone's head teacher, who nominated her, said she was the best teacher she had met.

Dr Russell said his daughter did not realise that Mrs Roberts had done anything out of the ordinary, although she always liked and respected her. "She is not only a conscientious teacher, but also a caring and emotional person, who can bring out the emotional qualities of the children. That is the best possible combination for a teacher."

Mrs Roberts, who has taught at the 100-pupil school for six years, said she hoped the award would help to improve the image of teachers.

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Mystery as moors hide secret of who got the goats

By Simon de Bruxelles

A WHODUNNIT mystery began as villagers looked out on a moorland valley and realised that it looked even emptier than usual. More than 60 goats had been stolen from England's only wild herd.

Rumours spread over possible motives for the strange disappearance at the Valley of the Rocks on Exmoor. Some noted that the goats had been blamed for damage to gardens and accused of butting sheep over cliffs into the sea. Others said that rustlers may have been alerted to the presence of easy meat, by publicity last month for a campaign to preserve the ancient breed which featured in *Lorna Doone*.

Local residents who had formed a Friends of the Goat society for a breeding programme said they were heartbroken. However, the truth may never be known, because police said they are powerless to investigate: the goats are not owned by anyone and therefore no crime has been committed. Unlit cattle trucks were reported to have been spotted on narrow lanes near the valley.

The Valley of the Rocks, near Lynton, north Devon, is a popular tourist attraction. The goats are descended from domestic animals that escaped or were abandoned by smallholders more than 200 years ago, and include the few surviving examples of a breed which dates back to neolithic times. Although many of the herd are cross-breeds, a significant number were the variety called Old English.

Numbers were kept under control through regular culls organised by Lynton Town Council, but public outcry in the 1980s led to the practice being abandoned. Since then, the herd has grown so large that animals often venture into Lynton in search of food. Now their number has fallen from 108 to 41.

Last month, the Friends of the Goats announced an ambitious plan to find new homes for most of the herd in parks and wildlife centres. They intended to keep about 30 of the best specimens.

The Lynton Mayor Carla Sim, who is also chairwoman of the Goat Society, said that the plan might now be ruined: "We have no idea where these goats have gone. The rumour here is that they might have gone to the Midlands where they can apparently fetch a good price as meat, but we have no proof. There is no way they have suddenly fallen off the cliffs. If local people have taken the goats, it is very short-sighted because what we were planning would have been of great benefit to Lynton. We are worried that we may have unwittingly led to the goats' demise through the publicity they have received, and now we are looking at how we can stop any more from being taken."

> ‘We have no proof, but there is no way they have just fallen off the cliffs’

Joyce Slater, the society's secretary, said: "I am heartbroken about what has happened. We have not yet been able to check which goats have disappeared, but it is possible that we have lost some of the best animals. We think the Old English goats should be classified as a rare breed and given some sort of protection."

Inspector Dave Thomas, of Devon and Cornwall police, said: "Strictly, unless there is an owner who reports something missing, we cannot investigate a case as a theft."

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Hague hardens line against single currency

Tory Euro-enthusiasts have overreached themselves and the leader is not for fudging, writes **Philip Webster**

WILLIAM HAGUE gave notice yesterday that he intends to fight the next general election on a platform of opposition to the single currency.

It was a swift reply to the Euro-enthusiasts in his Shadow Cabinet, who believed that they had been granted a let-out by the policy of ruling out monetary union for the foreseeable future, a position which one said this week could mean that Britain might enter "next Tuesday".

The Euro-enthusiasts may have overreached themselves. Far from softening his line, Mr Hague is expected to firm up the Shadow Cabinet position on the single *currency over the next few weeks.*

Between now and the next election, according to some of his most trusted confidants, that policy will harden to the point where some in the Shadow Cabinet may have to quit, and where some MPs — they hope not many — will follow Hugh Dykes out of the party.

The Tory leader has decided that the single currency is a vote-winner for his party — that it is the clearest area of blue water between himself and Tony Blair.

Yesterday at the Conservativge Party conference at Blackpool Mr Hague was still emphasising that Britain would not enter a single *currency in the foreseeable future.* It is a position, agreed at a not fully attended meeting of the Shadow Cabinet last week, designed to maintain unity through this week.

But the Euro-enthusiasts have annoyed Mr Hague by depicting that position as a retreat from his previously stated stance that he would rule out at the next election entry into a single currency for the following Parliament — effectively for ten years.

They have given excited briefings that "foreseeable future" could mean quite soon. That is not Mr Hague's position, and his colleagues are about to find out. The *Tory leader has told friends that he* will not allow the latest formula to be interpreted differently according to the whims of his frontbenchers.

Michael Howard, perhaps unnecessarily, wanted the Shadow Cabinet to sign up formally to Mr Hague's stance on EMU of "not for ten years". He was clearly hoping to be able to announce that policy to the conference in his setpiece speech as Shadow Foreign Secretary. *If the Shadow Cabinet meeting had been fully attended he* might even have got his way. But because three members, David Curry, Sir George Young (both enthusiasts) and Stephen Dorrell, *were absent Mr Hague decided to* consult them later. They did not go along with it but were happy with the "foreseeable future" position, which they felt could be interpreted flexibly to mean virtually anything.

But now Mr Hague's friends are making it starkly clear that that the formula is merely a holding position. At some point shortly they will be asked to agree something very close to the "not in the next Parliament" position on which he won the leadership. His own position has not changed an iota, he tells associates.

His speech today at the end of the conference will signal the start of *the process of clearing up any* doubts about the direction of policy. He believes that the Tories are more in touch with public opinion on the future of the pound than Labour appear to be. And he does not want to *accused of* adopting the kind of fudge with which John Major tried to keep his warring factions together.

So the message from the Hague camp *is* clear: the Conservatives *are opposed to the single currency* for as far into the distance as can been seen.

If Mr Blair makes a move towards the single currency in the near future — an unlikely scenario — he will go on the attack. By allowing backbenchers a free vote if decisions have to be taken in the present Parliament, Mr Hague hopes that he can avoid the kind of split that dogged Mr Major over the Maastricht treaty. He cannot ignore that there are a lot of pro-Europeans in the Tory party. But if they do not want to serve in his team, his frontbenchers can go to the back benches and exercise their free vote.

Mr Hague believes that he can maintain a policy that the overwhelming majority of his party will either support enthusiastically, or at least live with. But if there have to be a few casualties, so be it.

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Lilley promises new policies after listening to Britain

By James Landale
Political Reporter

Lilley: hopes to win back the disenchanted

PETER LILLEY promised an overhaul of all Tory policies yesterday in an attempt to modernise the party and make it more responsive to the needs of the British people.

The Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer heralded a mass consultation which will see Tory Shadow ministers and MPs travelling round the country listening to voters from all parts of society.

At the same time, ordinary party members will hold workshops with local people while Tory committees in the Commons will set up special inquiries to take evidence on policy issues. The consultation is expected to take about 18 months, after which the new policies will be decided.

In a speech to the Tory conference Mr Lilley also gave *a fresh warning about a single* European currency. Acknowledging the damage caused by the "debacle" over the exchange-rate mechanism, he promised: "We must be extremely cautious about embarking on any future European monetary adventures. I promise you, we have learnt these lessons." Most people believed that it was not in Britain's interests to join now, he said, because our economic cycle was out of phase with that of the Continent. "So, if it is not in Britain's interests to join now, it would be illogical to commit *us to join at some future date.*"

Mr Lilley said that although Tory policies could not be blamed for the general election defeat, they still needed to be renewed to adapt to changing circumstances. He promised that the party would not "rush off into a back room with cold towels round our heads" to produce a set of "spanking new policies" by next Christmas. "They would be out of date long before the next election." Instead, the party would go out and talk to the people. "That is an enormous task in itself," he said. "It will involve a massive and sustained exercise of consultation and listening."

The party would listen to *business* and the professions, churches and charities, nurses and doctors, teachers and students, scientists and academics. "The very process of consultation will help us re-establish links with many groups who have become disenchanted with us.

"If they see we are genuinely determined to listen to them, that we are not rigidly defending past policies, but eager to learn from their experience and tailor our policies to their future needs."

After what he called the "listening to Britain" phase of the process, the Shadow Cabi*net would develop policies to* produce a "programme for Britain". He said: "We will face immense challenges from new technologies, new competition from emerging countries, and new demands as people's expectations increase. The world will become more complex, more competitive and demanding. So we will need Conservative principles to guide our response."

Ancram urges second referendum for Wales

By James Landale, Political Reporter

MICHAEL ANCRAM yesterday called for a fresh referendum to be held on Welsh devolution as he made a fierce attack on Labour's plans for constitutional reform.

The Tories' spokesman on consitititutional affairs said that the extremely close result in the Welsh referendum last month "in no sense established the settled will of the Welsh people". Devolution *supporters won by a margin of* just 0.6 per cent over their opponents, with only half the electorate turning out to vote.

Mr Ancram said that the legislation to set up a Welsh assembly might not take into account the genuine fears and concerns expressed by voters. "We must therefore allow for the possibility that the question might have to be put again to the Welsh people before an assembly could proceed with any real constitutional credibility."

Speaking in a debate on constitutional affairs at the conference, Mr Ancram did say that the Tories should nevertheless learn to live with Welsh devolution if it went ahead. The Tories would campaign for mechanisms to protect minority voters across Wales who feared domination by those in the South East, where the assembly would be located. One possibility, he said, could involve "weighted voting" on specific subjects such as *discretionary* spending or inward investment.

Mr Ancram attacked the Government's "cynical and wholesale vandalisation" of the British constitution. "We are quite simply facing a Labour programme of piecemeal constitutional reform which within a generation or less could dismantle our United Kingdom, undermine our great institutions and make redundant our Union flag."

However, he was contradicted by Sir Malcolm Rifkind, the former Foreign Secretary, who said on BBC 2's *Conference Live*: "I think the United Kingdom will survive. I do not subscribe to the view that the United Kingdom is going to break up."

Mr Ancram said that the Tories should adopt a new approach towards Labour's constitutional reforms, which would make Britain's system of government "unrecognisable" in five years. "Evolutionary change is no longer an *option. Conservatives* must adopt a more radical approach, one which identifies the threat now posed to our system of government and which formulates a strategy to neutralise that threat."

One such approach being put about by Mr Ancram is to turn the House of Commons into an "England-only" chamber for a couple of days each week in response to Scottish and Welsh devolution. Scottish and Welsh MPs would be excluded from the chamber as MPs discussed affairs that solely concerned England.

Lady Thatcher showing BA what she thinks of its new range of logo designs

Thatcher flies into a rage at BA logos

By Damian Whitworth

BRITISH AIRWAYS experienced a bout of turbulence yesterday as Baroness Thatcher attacked the company for failing sufficiently to fly the British flag. The BA staff who encountered the former Prime Minister in full flight are unlikely to forget the experience.

Lady Thatcher protested at BA's new aircraft logos, which, on most planes, do not include the Union Jack. When she and her husband, Sir Denis, stopped at the airline's stand at the Blackpool conference hall, she squared up to an official, wagged her finger at him and declared: "We fly the British flag, not these awful things you are putting on tails." Then, to the astonishment of onlookers, and murmuring "absolutely terrible", she took a handkerchief from her handbag and draped it over the tail of a model plane to obscure its logo, an image from the Kalahari of jackals under a tree.

BA is repainting its planes with logo designs from around the world, replacing the representation of the union flag that featured on all its aircraft until this June. Now only the Concorde fleet will bear a new reworking of the union flag. Within three years the rest of BA's 309 planes will feature 75 different images, including half a dozen from Britain.

Sir Denis joined in the attack, singling out a Dutch design featuring Delft pottery. "For Christ's sake, why can't we have British designs?" he demanded. He was told some of the designs were British. Having made her point, Lady Thatcher turned on her heel and left the exhibition stand.

A BA spokesman said:"We are always delighted to welcome Baroness Thatcher to our stand or on board our aircraft. Today we had a lighthearted discussion with her about our new identity, which we enjoyed. She has always been a great supporter of all things British and so are we."

It's now time to benefit from freedom of Opposition

RIDDELL
ON POLITICS

Caring and compassion are not enough. They are no substitute for thought. This week's Conservative conference has had an *intellectual hole in the middle.* Too many frontbench speeches have been hollow, long on strained humility and short on ideas.

The *leadership* line has been that this is the week for contrition. We have sinned. And we will listen — to anyone, anywhere. Obviously, it would be daft to produce detailed policies now. The lengthy reviews announced yesterday by Peter Lilley makes sense. But that is being used as an excuse not to think. Most Tory spokesmen do not seem to appreciate the disinction between thought and policymaking. *It is possible to speculate without* making election pledges.

This week, there has been a mixture of smug self-justification about the Tories' legacy (rather at odds with the protestations of humility), vacuous re-statements of general principles (spare us appeals to One Nation, please) and pleas for tolerance. Of course, Michael Portillo is right that *the party needs to show that it* understands the diversity of British society.

But the Tories need to go further, to use the freedom of Opposition to consider the changes facing Britain. Some spokesmen — notably Peter Lilley and David Willetts — have begun that process. Most striking of all, there have been signs of rethinking where it is most needed, over the constitution. Ironically, this has come from the aristocratic duo of Robert Cranborne and Michael Ancram.

In the past, the Tory response to the Centre-Left's *constitutional reform* programme has been negative, to give warning of the consequences (both intended and unintended). But this is both passive and unconvincing, as the result of the Scottish (if not the Welsh) referendum showed. A Government with a majority of the size that Labour now has is going to implement its programme and the Tories need to leap *ahead in order to remain part* of the debate. If, as they claim, Labour is threatening the structure of our constitution, then the Tories should be proposing their own checks and balances.

Mr Ancram has gone some way along this road. He argued that "for the first time in our history, we [the Tories] must adopt a pro-active approach to constitutional reform". His main focus this week has been on devolution — trying to improve the Scottish and Welsh proposals and putting forward his own ideas for handling English business in the new circumstances, in order to protect and strengthen the Union. His options, such as exclud*ing Scottish MPs from voting* on designated English business, having English-only days and creating an English Parliament, all have drawbacks. But none is being addressed, or even recognised, by the Government.

Lord Cranborne, whose views appeared in *The Times* yesterday, focused in his Politeia lecture last night on the interconnections of various constitutional changes, and the threat from incorporation of the European Convention of Human Rights and devolution to "the clarity of the line of authority from people to *Parliament* and on to government".

Without sharing Lord Cranborne's fears about all these proposals, *he is right to* emphasise the implications for Parliament and on the need to reinvigorate it. The executive is being strengthened at the expense of the legislature, not least through the use of pre-legislative referendums. His lordship is correct to press for rules on the conduct of referendums to be laid out and legislated for in Parliament. Moreover, reform of the Lords is *much* more than just a matter of the future of hereditary peers. It is about the role of Parliament as a whole.

Instead of just denouncing, *the Tories need to start thinking* ahead about what the constitution, Britain's relations with Europe and society will be like in five or ten years' time. William Hague could cap a successful week for him by making a start today.

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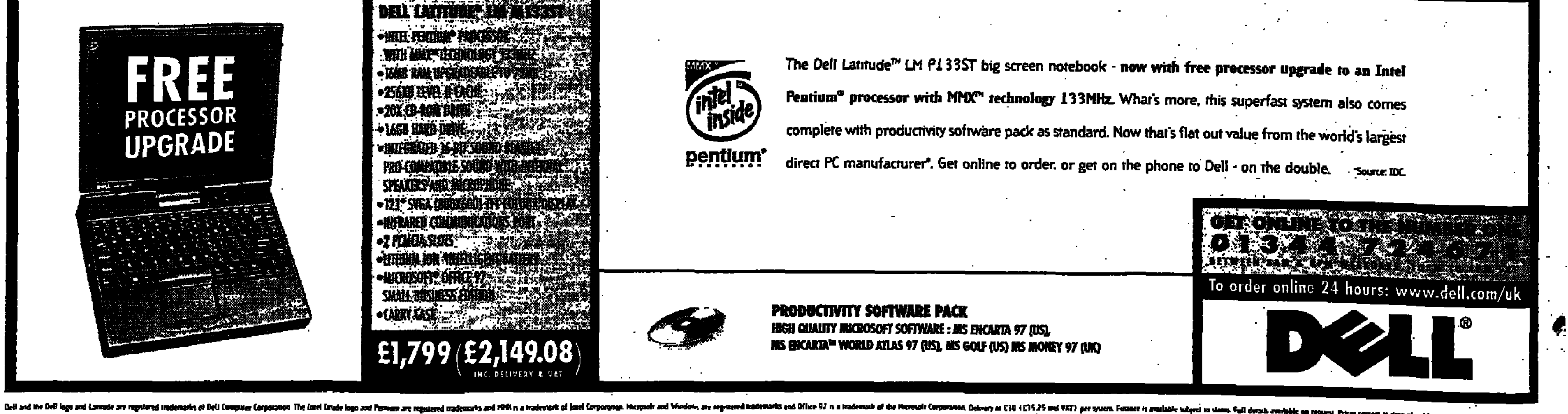
TODAY'S AGENDA

Presentation of constituency awards; financial appeal from Baroness Miller of Hendon; and William Hague's main speech to the conference (11.30am).



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Portillo finds wisdom in novel philosophy

A darling of the glossy books set has brought out the former minister's gentler side, writes **Andrew Pierce**

A YOUNG Turk of the literary world has emerged as an influence behind Michael Portillo's unexpected public conversion to a new era of sexual tolerance.

Mr Portillo, once a stormtrooper of the Thatcherite right with its disdain for single parents and homosexual relationships, has spent much of the summer reading the works of Alain de Botton.

The 27-year-old author, whose musings on the psychology of love have made him the new darling of the glossy books set, has written a critically acclaimed work on Marcel Proust, the gay French writer on society and manners: *How Proust Can Change Your Life*.

Mr de Botton said last night: "I met Michael Portillo three weeks ago and he told me that my book had made quite an impact. It turned him back to reading Proust.

"I realised that Michael Portillo is a cultured man who has thought very deeply about art, life, love and Proust. I think he has had plenty of time to reflect on life since the general election."

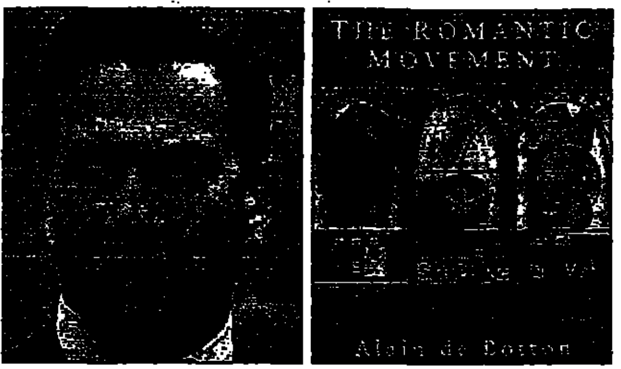
Having read Mr de Botton's works, including at least one of his three novels on the agonies of twentysomething relationships, the former Defence Secretary devoured Proust's seven-volume, *In Search of Lost Time*.

"As a politician I never warmed to Michael Portillo's public persona but in private he was charming and highly intelligent. It is true he never appeared tolerant when he was in government but that might be because of the way he was portrayed in the media. Maybe this is a return to what he always was. I do not think it is a conversion to sexual tolerance. I think it is a reconversion," said Mr de Botton.

Friends believe that Mr Portillo, who voted for 18 in the age of consent Bill, privately supports an equal age of consent.

The change certainly took Tory delegates by surprise, who recalled Mr Portillo's tub-thumping speeches as Chief Secretary to the Treasury on the need to cut the benefit-bill for single parents.

Mr Portillo has had little personal experience of the alternative family unit or divorce. He was brought up in a conventional family and is one of four children who are themselves happily married.


Michael Portillo and one of his adviser's works

Mr Portillo, has been married to Carolyn Eadie, a City headhunter for 15 years. The ceremony was at a register office. The couple, who throw celebrated parties, wanted to save as much money as possible for the reception.

Friends of Mr Portillo made clear yesterday that his remarks when he was at the Treasury were more to do with the economic consequences of the mounting bill for single parents rather than morality.

One associate said: "He has used the time out of office to think and reconnect. He realised that the party had become so obsessed with its own problems. It became so inward looking it almost never noticed the massive changes which were going on in the world."

Since his surprise election defeat, Mr Portillo, who was widely seen as successor to John Major, has relaxed and seen more of his friends, many of whom are gay. He has also read the essays of Edmund Burke, the 18th century Conservative thinker, who was famously tolerant of persecuted minorities such as the Indians and slaves.

Mr de Botton, a bachelor, who recently separated from his girlfriend, went to Cambridge where he studied political history under Maurice Cowling, Mr Portillo's mentor at Peterhouse.

The Swiss-born Mr de Botton, the son of a wealthy banker, was flattered to think he may have had a hand in Mr Portillo's decision to go public with his views. "It is always nice to think that literature and an interest in the arts can help to shape a politician's views," he said.

Alain de Botton, who has written a critically acclaimed book on Marcel Proust

Straw is accused of being soft on burglars

BY POLLY NEWTON
POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Shadow Home Secretary, Sir Brian Mawhinney, accused the Government yesterday of turning its back on burglary victims. He said that Labour's failure to bring in mandatory minimum sentences for repeat housebreakers proved that the party was on the side of the burglar, not the victim.

In a debate on law and order at the party conference, Sir Brian said that the previous Government had promised to implement minimum sentences for "career" burglars by 1999. He challenged Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, to do the same.

"And, if you refuse, we will continue to press you, harry you, shame you, and we will demand a vote on this matter in the Commons, so that everyone can see whether new Labour votes for a new Britain or for new burglaries," he said.

Sir Brian congratulated Mr Straw for pressing ahead with minimum sentences for those convicted of more than one sexual or violent offence, or of dealing in drugs. He also promised a constructive approach from the Tories towards government proposals to tackle youth crime, "especially as most of them are culled from our manifesto".

Sir Brian said: "Burglary may be driven by drug addiction, so we will help the Government build on our approach to reduce the amount, the effect and the consequences of drugs in our society."

He said that crime levels had fallen under the Tories, while they had risen under previous Labour administrations. The "new trendies" were appalled at the idea that falling crime figures might be linked to a rise in the number of prison inmates.

Among the speakers in yesterday's debate was Jemma Nicholls, 15, who won loud applause when she condemned pop stars who took drugs. In an apparent reference to the appearance of Noel Gallagher, from Oasis, at a party given by Tony Blair this summer, she said the fight against drugs was not helped "when one of them is entertained by the Prime Minister at No. 10."

'Tolerance is a part of the Tory tradition'

BY JILL SHERMAN
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL PORTILLO's political revival started last night with an impassioned plea to his party to shed its arrogant "vulgar" image and show more tolerance to all sections of society, particularly single mothers. His speech at a fringe meeting held by the Centre for Policy Studies set out a vision for a "compassionate and caring" Conservatism.

"We believe that children are best brought up in stable family arrangements with two parents. But we admire those many people who are doing an excellent job raising children on their own," he said.

"The important thing is that people recognise the responsibility they have when they conceive children and do all they can to provide a warm, caring and balanced home for them.

"Our society has changed. For good or ill, many people nowadays do not marry and yet head stable families with children. For a younger generation, in particular, old taboos have given way to less judgmental attitudes to the span of human relationships.

"There remain many other people to whom the new norms seem all wrong. The Tory party is conservative and not given to political correctness. Still the party never rejects the world that is. Tolerance is a part of the Tory tradition," Mr Portillo said.

Mr Portillo's message that the Tory party had to reinvent itself in order to win back popular support is clearly one the leadership intends to push. He said the party had become increasingly associated with the "most disagreeable messages" and thoughts.

"Tories were linked to harshness; thought to be uncaring about unemployment, poverty, poor housing, disability and single parenthood; and considered indifferent to the moral arguments over landmines [redacted] and arms sales. We were thought to favour greed and the unqualified pursuit of the free market, with a 'devil take the hindmost' attitude."

The former MP for Enfield Southgate argued that the party was also "thought to be arrogant and out of touch". Some of it was insensitive language, some of it image. "When people looked at the composition of our party, they thought it too elderly, or too vulgar, or too out of touch in vocabulary and perceptions, or in some other way, unfamiliar and unrepresentative."

He also acknowledged that the party's fortunes had been affected by its association with sleaze. "Sleaze disgraced us in the eyes of the public. Their perception was of corruption and unfitness for public service. Such distasteful perceptions can endure and do us damage for a long time.

"We should face these issues head on and deal with them. The last years profoundly disappointed our supporters and disgusted many others."

But he insisted that a clear line should now be drawn between sexual peccadilloes and financial misconduct, saying the latter should be a sacking offence. "William Hague is right to make a clear distinction between, on the one hand, misconduct of a financial nature or some other betrayal of public trust and, on the other hand, problems in personal life such as marital breakdown.

"A betrayal of public trust must lead to resignation and we shall watch carefully how thoroughly Labour does in fact clean out its Augean stables. But private problems and indiscretions should not normally lead to the end of a person's career.

"You may think less highly of someone who exhibits weakness in his private life, you may choose not to support or re-elect him, but we should not require people to be driven from office in those circumstances."

He insisted that the Conservative message was an attractive one and would touch a chord with the majority of the public if properly explained: "Choice, aspiration, opportunity, duty and compassion."

Compassion was an essential ingredient of Conservatism but the world did not believe it, he argued, urging Tories to wear their compassion on their sleeves. He also urged Tories to develop closer relations with trade unions and business. "There are a few Neanderthals left today in the trade union movement. But the Conservatives will want to be part of a dialogue that can include all those who genuinely want to see our business succeed, excluding only those who still want merely to ossify British industry or defend vested interests."

Mr Portillo's views on single parents were endorsed by John Maples, the Shadow Health Secretary but Iain Duncan Smith, the Shadow Social Security Secretary, attacked single-parent families, saying they were more likely to commit crime. He accused Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary, of being "obsessed" with one-parent families and said a balance needed to be struck between support for them and the traditional family.

A new man? Not likely, says Thatcher

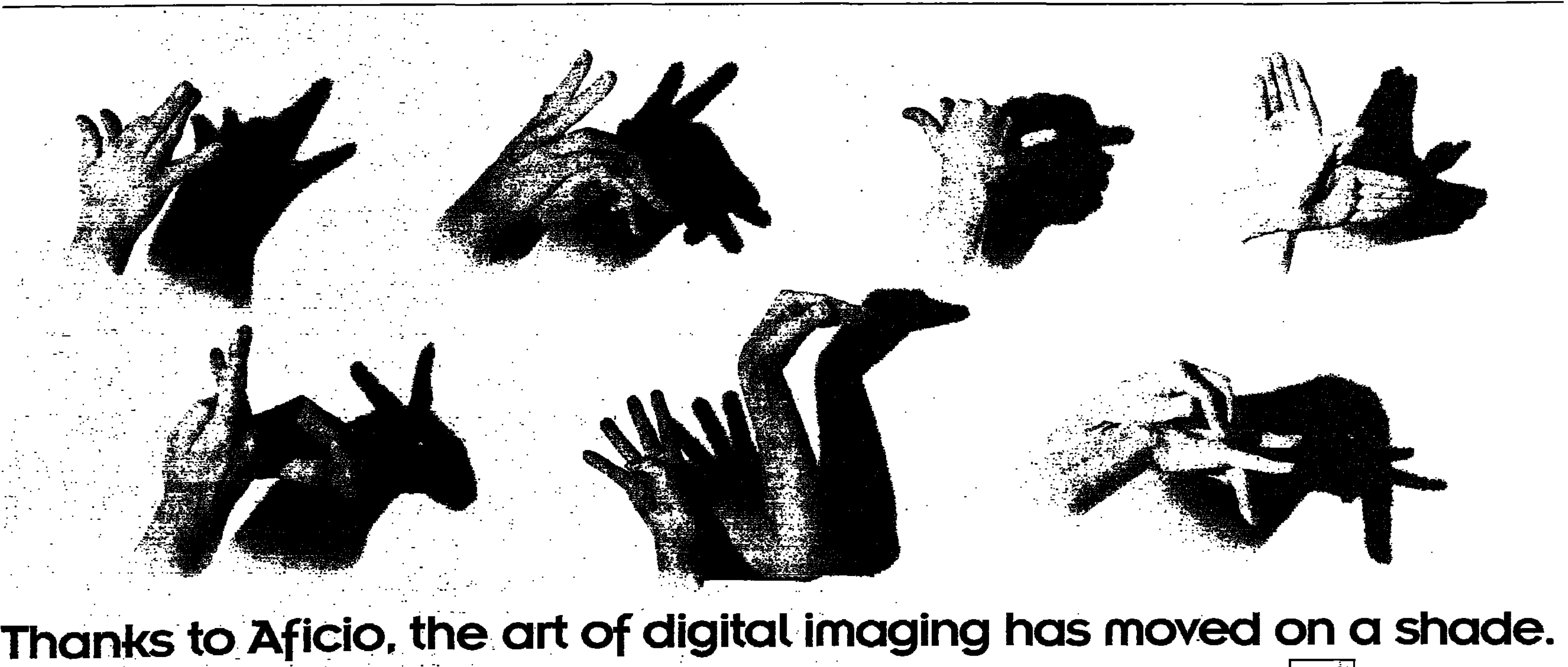
THE idea that Michael Portillo has become a new man after five months in the political wilderness was given short shrift by one visitor to the Conservative conference yesterday (Damian Whitworth writes).

"New man?" said Baroness Thatcher. "New man? He's the same man I've always known." The lady should know. She was one of only a handful of people who actually saw Mr Portillo in Blackpool before he delivered his speech last night.

The former Defence Secretary has been in town but keeping the lowest of profiles. He slipped into the Imperial Hotel yesterday morning to see the woman to whom he has always been fiercely loyal and who regards him as a favoured son. Mr Portillo made several warm references to the former Prime Minister in his speech and told how she had been one of the first to offer condolences on the loss of his seat.

Their discussion yesterday of what Mr Portillo was going to say clearly did not convince her that he had significantly changed his outlook. Her blunt statement that he was still one of hers was given as she trotted through the Imperial Hotel later in the day.

Reasons for Mr Portillo's invisibility are not clear. One of the rare sightings was as he took a walk, quiff flapping, along the promenade. He might have noticed, as he gazed out to the horizon that the sea was distinctly murky. The season for clear blue water is over.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Women on HRT face a greater risk of cancer

But researchers say the reduced chance of heart disease outweighs dangers, reports

Ian Murray

HORMONE replacement therapy slightly increases the risk of breast cancer, but this is more than compensated by a reduced risk of heart disease, researchers have found. Although the risk of getting cancer increases the longer a woman is on HRT, the form the disease takes tends to be less dangerous and is easier to cure.

In the most comprehensive review of studies into possible links between HRT and breast cancer, data was drawn from more than 160,000 women in 51 investigations from 21 countries, mostly in the developed world. About a million women in Britain are on HRT at any one time.

The statistics show that 45 women in 1,000 between the ages of 50 and 70 will develop breast cancer if they are not on HRT. Among women who take the therapy for five years, the number rises to 47. The rate rises to 51 among women who take it for ten years and to 57 among those using it for 15 years or more.

"This study shows that HRT increases the risk of breast cancer to a small extent and of cancer of the uterus to an even smaller extent," Sir Richard Doll, a founder director of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, which co-ordinated the study, said.

"At the same time we know that it eases the symptoms of menopause, strengthens the bones, reducing the fractures which are a common complication of old age. Most importantly, it may well be that it reduces the risk of coronary heart disease by as much as 30 per cent."

Earlier this year the fund started a ten-year survey in which a million women on HRT will take part to find out more precisely what the benefits and disadvantages are.

Valerie Beral, director of the fund's epidemiology unit at Oxford University, said the data collected so far on 52,700 women who developed breast cancer and 108,400 who did not, gave simple proof that those on HRT faced a slightly increased risk. This risk decreased when they stopped the therapy and, after five years, they were at no more risk than women who had never been on it. "As far as we can tell, the sorts of cancers involved are more easily treatable," she said. "They are smaller, *localised* cancers, easy to cure."

One finding was that thinner women on HRT were more liable to develop breast cancer than fatter women. Sir Richard explained that, when thin women had the treatment, it had the effect of delaying menopause and increasing their oestrogen levels to that of fatter women, which increased the cancer risk.

Details of the research, published today in *The Lancet*, have been sent in advance to all GPs to head off the kind of problems caused two years ago by the announcement that taking some varieties of the Pill increased the risk of heart disease.

Michael Rawlins, chairman of the Committee on the Safety of Medicines, said the research did not mean that women should stop taking HRT. Anyone worried should make a routine non-urgent appointment with their doctor.

Couple's cash sends spinster home to her farm

AN ELDERLY spinster who was evicted from the moorland farm her family has owned for 500 years has at last returned after a retired property developer paid off her debts (Paul Wilkinson writes).

Freda Fentriss-Ellerby, 65, who until July last year had never spent a night away from her home on the North York Moors above Castleton, was yesterday cleaning the house in advance of her return next week.

Her previously anonymous benefactors went public yesterday about why they stepped in. Leonard Phillips, who runs an organic farm and woodland with his wife, Suzanne, at Medmenham, near Marlow, Buckinghamshire, said: "As soon as we heard of Freda's plight we knew we had to do something to help her because we are of like minds. It saddened us greatly to think of her being forced out of the only home she knew and away from the lifestyle she loved so much. We were only too pleased to help."

Mr Phillips, 61, has bought the 64-acre farm for "a substantial sum" and will allow Miss Fentriss-Ellerby to spend the rest of her life there, rent free. If she moves out for longer than six months or dies, Mr Phillips will be able to sell the estate, valued at about £100,000.

TONY BARTHOLOMEW

Happy return: Miss Fentriss-Ellerby back with some of her charges at the farm she feared she had lost

Mr Phillips, who grows 128 acres of hay and barley and keep seven cattle "as lawnmowers", said: "She is free to do whatever she wishes for the rest of her life. If there is any money left over when we eventually sell the property, we will give it to an environmental charity. We do not want to make a profit."

Miss Fentriss-Ellerby was forced out of Forest Lodge Farm when beneficiaries in the will of her brother, George, who owned half the property, demanded payment. She fought the case and ran up debts and legal costs of £30,000. She moved into a cousin's bungalow in Whitby, leaving behind 68 cattle, all which she had named, 17 cats, 20 chickens, two sheep dogs and a gander called Sid.

The people of Castleton organised a campaign to help her, and her situation attracted international publicity. While lawyers negotiated her return she was unable to stay away and secretly went home. Barred from the house, she lived first in an old VW Beetle and then a builders' hut.

Yesterday, as she cleared rubbish left by intruders, she said: "People say I should retire and see life. But what is life? What could be nicer than this? This is life to me."

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Jurassic mark of southern softies

By Nick Nuttall

MEAT-EATING dinosaurs such as *Tyrannosaurus rex* were a far tougher breed in the northern hemisphere than in the south during the Jurassic period, scientists have found. Dinosaurs in the southern hemisphere were less active and more inclined to shortness of breath, possibly because their lives were so easy that they never worked too hard.

The findings come from analysis of the ribcages of carnivorous theropods, including *Tyrannosaurus*. Richard Hengst, from Purdue University in Indiana, said: "The North American therapods may have been like pursuit hunters, requiring the ability to run over a long period of time. South American dinosaurs perhaps employed a dash-and-dine approach which required activity only in short bursts."

The scientist is to present his findings tomorrow to the Society of Vertebrate Palaeontologists in Michigan, Illinois. The ribcage gives clues to breathing abilities, which in turn tells researchers how active the dinosaurs were.

Dr Hengst found that, 220 million years ago, all dinosaurs breathed inefficiently. By the middle of the Jurassic period, about 140 million years ago, the meat-eaters of the northern hemisphere had evolved into the fearsome creatures of school books, consuming up to 40 per cent more air with each breath.

Those in South America may have had more abundant food, or were able to ambush prey more easily because of lush vegetation. "The South Americans caught up with *their northern relatives only* about 100 million years ago," Dr Hengst said. "Whatever the reason, the fact they did catch up suggests there was an optimal level of respiratory efficiency and that all dinosaurs eventually got there."

NEWS IN BRIEF

India body unlikely to be hostage

A body found in India is unlikely to be that of Keith Mangan, held hostage in Kashmir since July 1995. Tests by Scotland Yard forensic science experts have not determined that the remains are those of Mr Mangan, 35, from Middlesbrough, or of Paul Wells, a fellow captive of the independent Al Faran movement. It is thought that the body is that of Zia Uddin, a Pakistani militant.

Boy in court

A boy aged 11 has appeared at Bath Youth Court charged with raping an 11-year-old girl in Bath and abducting her six-year-old brother. The boy was remanded in council care for two weeks.

Cricketer verdict

A verdict of accidental death was recorded in Southwark, South London, on Graham Kersey, 25, the Surrey wicketkeeper killed in a crash near Brisbane. A full inquest has been held in Australia.

Sharp shooter

Ian Wright, the Arsenal and England striker, is to help to launch a campaign aimed at getting criminals in Lambeth, South London, to hand illegally held guns to the police during November.

Limestone alarm

Gardeners are endangering landscapes in their desire for limestone rockeries, according to *Gardening Which?* Just 75 of England's original 2,500 hectares of limestone pavements remain.

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Chips in wine upset French elite

FROM ADAM SAGE
IN PARIS

FRENCH vineyards have been shaken by allegations of subterfuge and fraud in a row which has set wine producers against each other.

The cause is oak chips. Viticulturists in what the French refer to sniffily as the "new countries" use the cuttings as part of their drive to oust European products from supermarket shelves worldwide. By suspending a bag of wood chips in an aluminium container full of wine, they produce a nectar which tastes as though it has matured in an old oak barrel, they claim. This saves time, money and energy. But a chip in a vat for Californians or Australians is giving the French a chip on the shoulder.

Producers of cheap French wine would like to copy their counterparts and are prevented from doing so by a European Union ruling. Brussels is backed by elite French vineyards from regions such as Bordeaux, where there are fears that the spread of oak chips could undermine the reputation, and price, of château-bottled products.

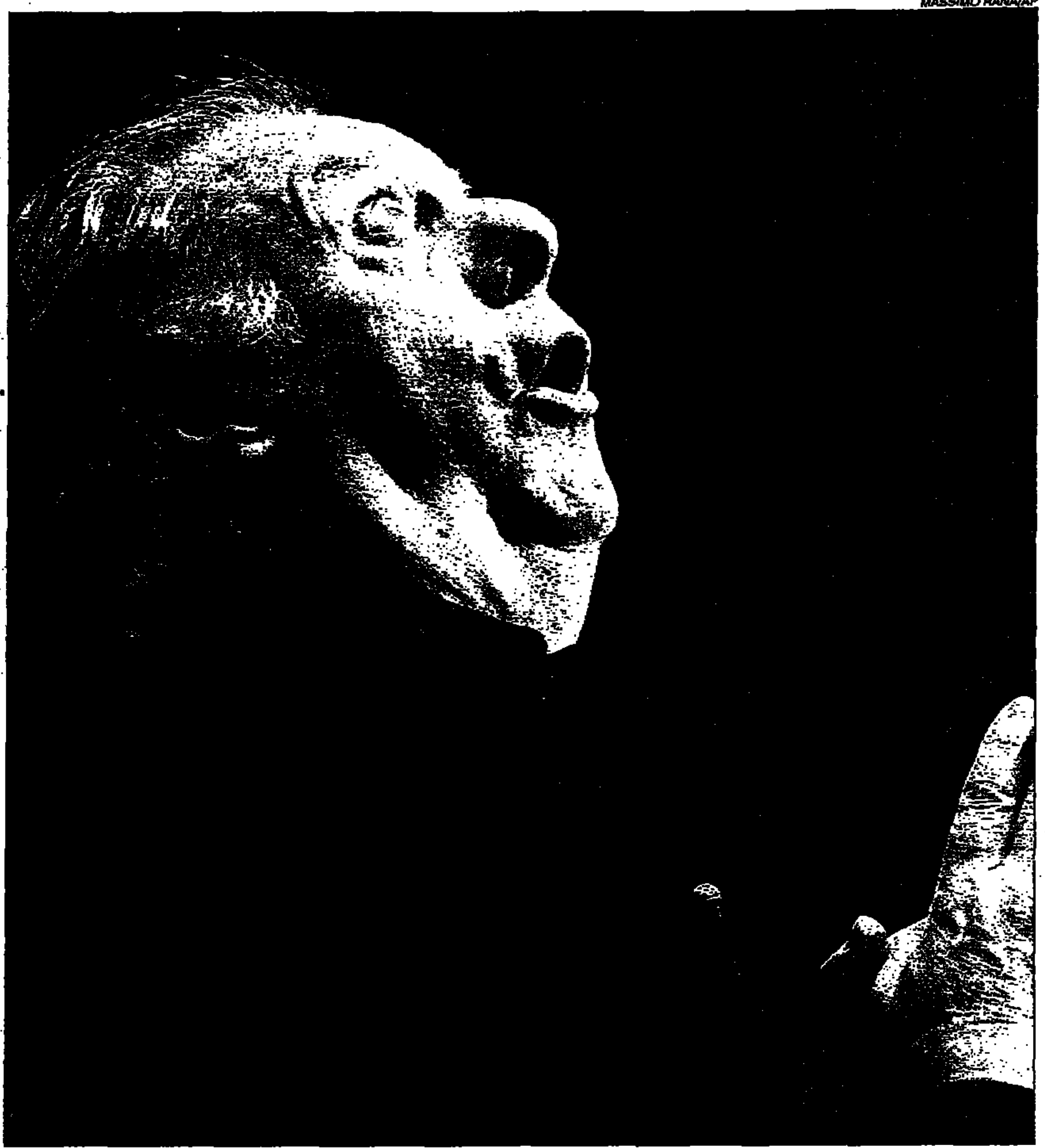
"This would worry consumers," said Jérôme Quiot, president of the French Institute for Quality Wines. His institute claims the Fr25 billion (£2.55 billion) global market for French wines relies on rules preventing the arrival of "unnatural" techniques in France.

But there is fierce pressure for such techniques to be accepted. Producers in lesser-known regions such as Languedoc in southern France, say they do not earn enough money to buy Fr3,000 oak barrels. Brussels has agreed to review its position within two years.

Nobel stuns Italy's left-wing jester

Surprise award for theatre genius who threw down a challenge to both Catholic Church and State often putting his own life at risk

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT



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Dario Fo at a Milan theatre: "One of the funniest playwrights and performers. He is a brilliantly talented clown"

THE Italian playwright and actor Dario Fo, best known for his biting satires on the establishment, for performances in the commedia dell'arte tradition and for regarding the old Italian Communist Party as too right-wing, was yesterday awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature by the Swedish Academy.

Signor Fo, 71, son of a station master, said: "I am flabbergasted." He was not alone: the theatre world was just as taken aback, particularly as Salman Rushdie and Arthur Miller had been strongly tipped to win.

In Britain at least, while Signor Fo has written more than 40 plays, he is most associated with *The Accidental Death of an Anarchist* — about a railway worker who "accidentally" falls from the window of a Milan police station — which was written as long ago as 1970. But for many, as one critic noted, he is "the people's artist" who breaks down barriers: on one occasion, a staggering 16,000 crammed into a sports hall in Turin to see his solo performance.

Despite his delight, even Signor Fo's publisher, Michael Earley of Methuen, was shocked, however much Signor Fo is "a first-class theatrical genius". "We were never expecting this to happen," he said. He noted that the Nobel committee has often acted in mysterious ways. Salman Rushdie and Arthur Miller were strongly tipped to win, but the Nobel organisers had told Mr Earley that they would be "too predictable, too popular".

Benedict Nightingale, theatre critic of *The Times*, has described Signor Fo as "one of the funniest playwrights and performers alive". But news of the Nobel came as "quite a surprise". He added: "What's interesting is that he's basically a performer. His roots go back to the commedia dell'arte tradition. He writes for himself and performs himself, sometimes with his wife. He's a brilliantly talented clown. This choice is a wayward one. It's rather lightweight."

Signor Fo's plays, which include *Can't Pay? Won't Pay!*, have been translated into dozens of languages. He has continued to perform despite a stroke that partly blinded him last year. To say he has really lived is an understatement. During the war the playwright helped his father, a member of the Italian Resistance, to smuggle Allied soldiers across the border to neutral Switzerland. He has also suffered for his art: it is said he has been jailed, beaten and threatened with assassination and had homes and theatres bombed and burnt.

Humour is his weapon.

> ❛ If you are able to make people laugh, you can then open up their minds ❜

His political outlook clearly is influenced by his background. His one-man *Mistero Buffo* is one of his masterpieces: its lampooning of the Roman Catholic Church — through a retelling of the Gospels premiered in 1969 — won him worldwide acclaim, as well as censure from Rome. The televised version, recorded and screened in 1977, was condemned by the Vatican as "the most blasphemous show in the history of television".

He has collaborated as both writer and performer on many of his works with his wife, Franca Rame, once called "Italy's Rita Hayworth". In 1968, they established a non-profit-making troupe with backing from the Italian Communist Party with a mission to entertain the working classes.

Signor Fo wrote plays for people in factories and workers' clubs, but found them inspiring audiences internationally. In 1970 he and his wife founded the political collective, La Comune, in Milan, writing plays such as *Trumpets and Raspberries*, *The Pope and the Witch* and *Archangels Don't Play Pinball*, satirising and savaging the Church, the State, corruption and drug addiction.

One critic noted in 1992: "Political fervour may be on the wane in the 1990s, but Fo's plays manage to be as popular with regular theatre audiences as with his faithful followers. Legalisation of drugs is not a hot issue in this country, but the corruption of those in power is always with us."

Signor Fo once said: "I believe in making people look at problems through comedy. You can make an audience laugh just for the sake of having fun, or you can make them laugh about social subjects, the establishment, the clichés around us. I prefer the last way. If you can make people laugh, you can open up their minds." He told *The Times*: "You remember things much better through laughter than through tears."

☐ **Rome**: The Vatican said it was "stunned" by the award. *L'Osservatore Romano*, the Vatican's newspaper, said: "The Nobel prize jury members have lately awarded to lesser known authors, wrongly considered to be lesser works. But giving the prize to someone who is also the author of questionable works is beyond all imagination."

The Swedish Academy which awards the prize said Signor Fo had been selected for work which "emulates the jesters of the Middle Ages in scourging authority and upholding the dignity of the downtrodden".

But in Warsaw the 1980 Nobel Literature Prize laureate, Czeslaw Milosz, said he would have preferred the prize to go to Jaan Kross of Estonia or Tomas Transtroemer of Sweden and described Signor Fo as "someone who is completely unknown to me".

Mr Milosz's comments were mild by comparison with the reaction of another Polish writer, Gustaw Herling-Grudzinski, who said the decision to honour Signor Fo "definitely compromised" the Swedish Academy. *(AFP)*

WORLD IN BRIEF

Fear for whales at beach

Wellington: Volunteers were waiting last night to see whether 45 refloated whales would beach themselves again on the Karikari Bay beach in northern New Zealand (Cathie Bell writes). Of the pod of nearly 100 pilot whales that were stranded, the 45 had been encouraged back to sea.

Photograph, page 24

Damages call

Singapore: Goh Chok Tong, the Prime Minister, is seeking higher damages than the £12,000 awarded in a libel case, Joshua Jeyaretnam, the defendant and veteran Opposition Leader said. *(Reuters)*

No soft soap

New York: Ellen DeGeneres, America's first openly lesbian soap-opera star, is threatening to quit *Ellen*, her hit show, because the ABC network is to flash an "adult content" warning on the screen.

Kidnap arrest

Potsdam: Two former Soviet soldiers who had served in East Germany were held on suspicion of kidnapping and killing Matthias Hintze, 20. They had allegedly demanded a £350,000 ransom. *(Reuters)*

Gambia crash

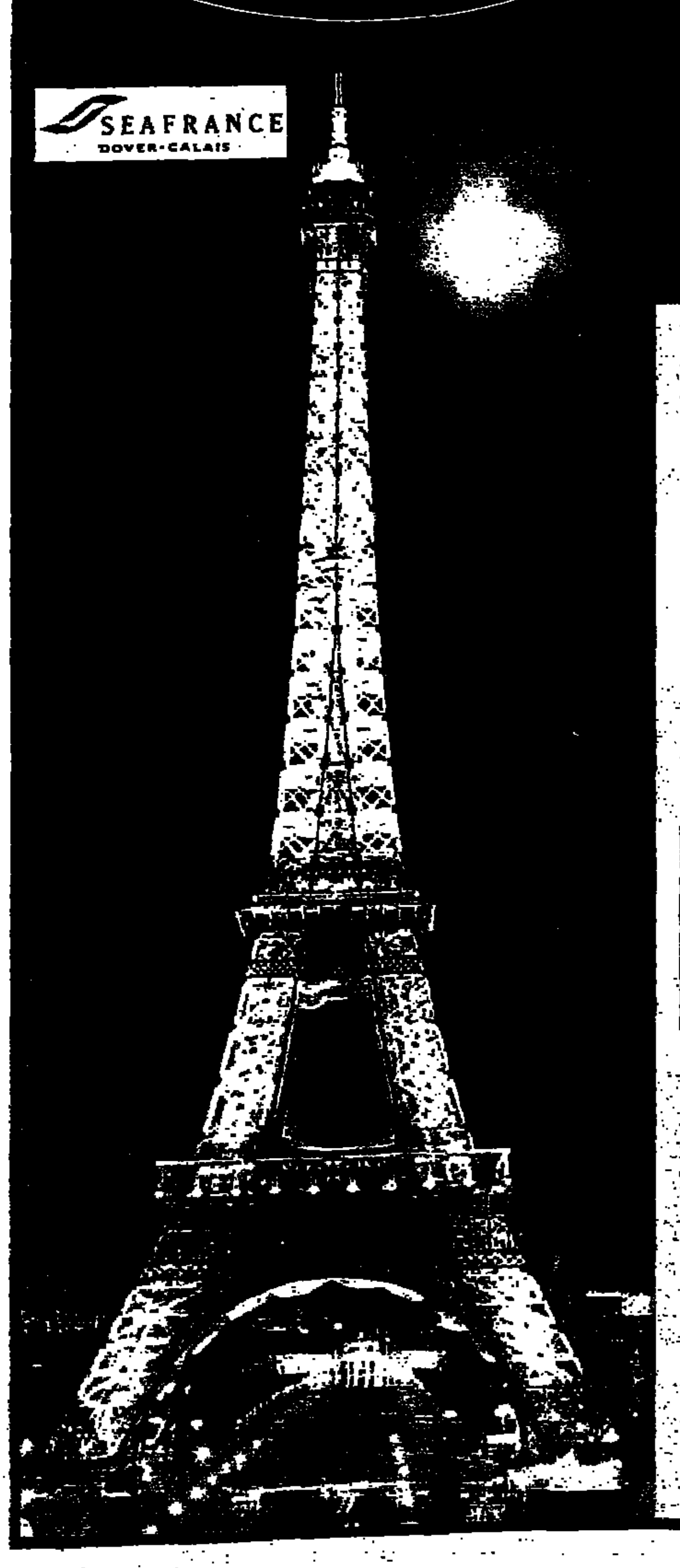
Banjul: A tourist plane from Spain crashed in the West African state of The Gambia, killing eight of the nine aboard, officials said. Seven passengers were understood to be Germans. *(Reuters)*

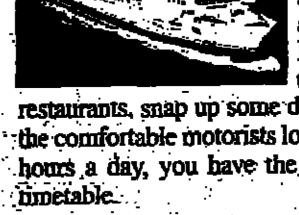
Rat house razed

Tampa, Florida: A house where a woman kept 1,200 rats as pets was demolished after complaints about the smell. The rats, killed the day before, were "very domesticated", an official said. *(AP)*

Oodles of noodle

Beijing: Hu Shuxia, a hotel chef, beat five others in a television contest by hand-pulling a continuous noodle 2,940m (9,704ft) long from 1kg (2.2lb) of dough, Xinhua news agency said. *(AFP)*





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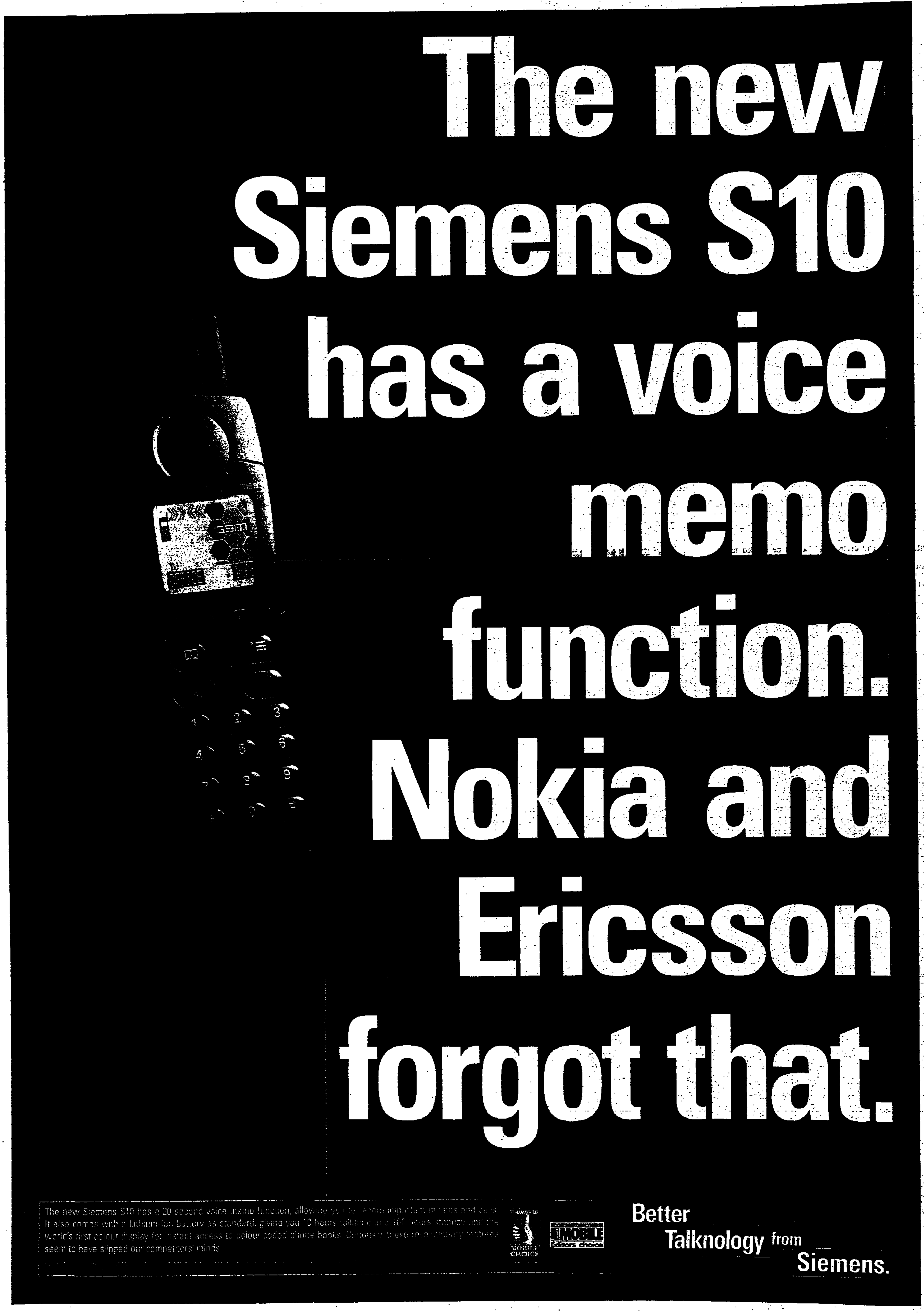

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US moves armada to warn Iraq

Saddam told to keep out of no-fly zones imposed after Gulf War or face punishment at hands of 'potent' air and naval force

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

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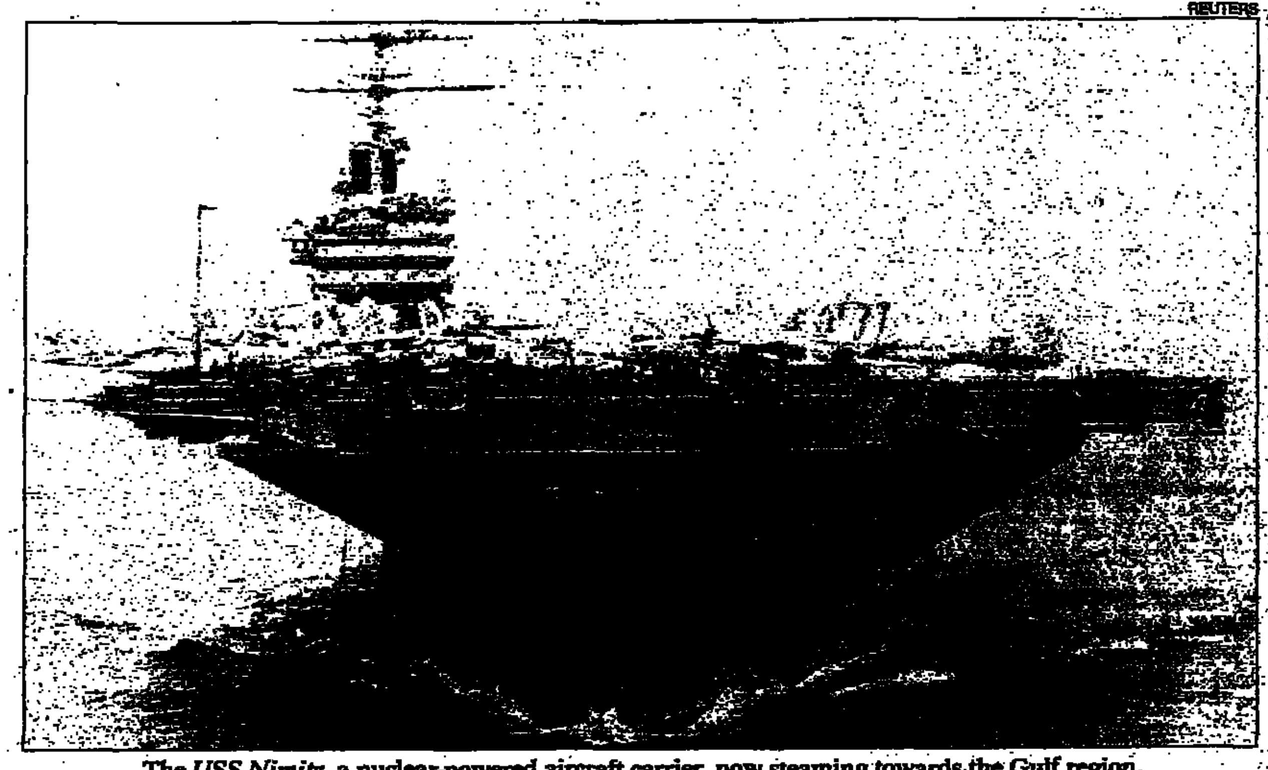


The *USS Nimitz*, a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, now steaming towards the Gulf region.

AMERICA last night threatened President Saddam Hussein with dire consequences if his warplanes continued to violate no-fly zones in southern Iraq. Simultaneously Pentagon officials said a carrier battle group deployed to the region was prepared to enforce the United Nations ban with every means necessary.

William Cohen, the Defence Secretary, indicating that American warplanes had increased patrols over the no-fly zones in both northern and southern Iraq, said that any further violations would result in Baghdad having to bear the consequences. "We have indicated to them [the Iraqis] that we intend to enforce the no-fly zone. We have taken measures that will make it more difficult to flout the restrictions," Mr Cohen said.

The tough rhetoric has been amplified in Washington over recent days in advance of the arrival in the Gulf of the Nimitz Carrier Battle Group, a formidable military force diverted last week from Singapore and now steaming towards the region.

The group includes the *USS Nimitz*, a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, two cruisers, one destroyer, a guided-missile frigate, support ship and an attack submarine.

With a total of 7,500 naval, air and support crew, as well as 50 combat F18 Hornets and F14 Tomcats and a vast arsenal of air-launched missiles and bombs, including the Tomahawk, Pentagon officials believe Saddam would be foolish to continue his provocation of the West.

"The group brings a lot to the theatre," said a navy official. "It's a significant and potent force which says we are prepared to enforce the no-fly zone with whatever means necessary."

Privately, the Pentagon is convinced its sabre-rattling will convince the Iraqi dictator to back down, as he has done on several occasions since the Gulf War. If not, however, military chiefs in America appeared quite prepared last night to enter the fray.

Increased tension in the Gulf has resulted from a combination of factors, most notably the action last week in which Iranian warplanes bombed two bases in southern Iraq, reportedly wounding several Iraqi civilians.

Iraqi MiG21 and MiG23 jets responded several hours later, also violating the allied enforced no-fly zone created after the Gulf War in 1991 and since expanded by President Clinton to the 33rd parallel.

The southern zone, created to prevent Saddam attacking internal dissidents who had sought shelter in Iraq's marshlands, and the northern area, designed to protect the Iraqi Kurds, are policed regularly by British, French and American aircraft.

Officials in Washington believe Saddam is merely using the Iranian incursion as an excuse to violate the southern zone and thus test the capability of allied aircraft patrols in the area.

At the same time, the UN Special Commission has released a report accusing Baghdad of concealing data from international inspectors about its biological weapons programme. The UN Security Council is to debate the findings next week. Britain and America have continued to oppose any easing of UN economic sanctions against Iraq since Saddam invaded Kuwait and was driven out by the allied coalition. America and Iraq clashed last year when US forces fired cruise missiles at Iraqi silos Washington said had threatened allied aircraft in the region, but, after a tense fortnight stand-off, Baghdad backed down and said it would suspend any attacks on allied warplanes enforcing both no-fly zones.

Parents awarded $262m over faulty Chrysler latch

BY TOM RHODES

IN THE largest award in a car safety suit, Chrysler Corporation has been ordered to pay $262.5 million (£163 million) to the parents of a six-year-old boy who died after he was thrown from a minivan during a crash.

The company yesterday called the judgement by a jury in Charleston, South Carolina, "outrageously large" and said it would appeal. The suit blamed a defective latch on the rear hatch of a Dodge Caravan for the death of Sergio Jiménez in 1994.

His family was awarded $12.5 million in compensatory damages and $250 million in punitive damages relating to arguments that Chrysler tried to enlist congressional help in blocking a federal investigation into the alleged defect.

The boy was travelling in the back seat of the vehicle when it was hit from behind, spun and rolled over, throwing him through the back when the latch failed. He suffered a fractured skull and died. Chrysler alleges that the van jumped a red light and the boy, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was ejected through a side window. But a lawyer for the family alleged that Chrysler had covered up evidence of defective rear latches for more than a decade. "Hopefully this verdict will ring loud that Chrysler covered up a defect."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 37 passengers have been killed when boots of Chrysler minivans opened in accidents.

Sergio Jiménez: thrown from vehicle

American drive to beat 'cyber terror'

BY TOM RHODES

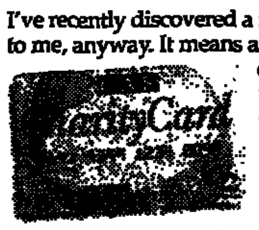
PRESIDENT CLINTON will be asked to quadruple research on computer security by the millennium as part of a campaign against "cyber terror" which aims to counter the increasing threat of terrorist hackers to national defence.

After 15 months of research, a presidential commission is to recommend measures next week designed to protect the United States infrastructure, from banks and the stock exchange to the Pentagon and the Department of Justice.

The proposals include the establishment of an information analysis and warning centre to collate breaches in computer security throughout government and industry.

A special White House office would be created to co-ordinate the security roles in every government department while legislation would be introduced allowing private companies to conduct criminal background checks when hiring computer experts for sensitive positions. Reseach into computer security would be quadrupled by 2004.

The commission has attempted to develop a strategy that would prevent hacking into computer systems that control all the vital elements of American society, 95 per cent of which are privately owned. Experts believe cyber terrorism is as strong a threat to the United States as nuclear, chemical or biological proliferation.



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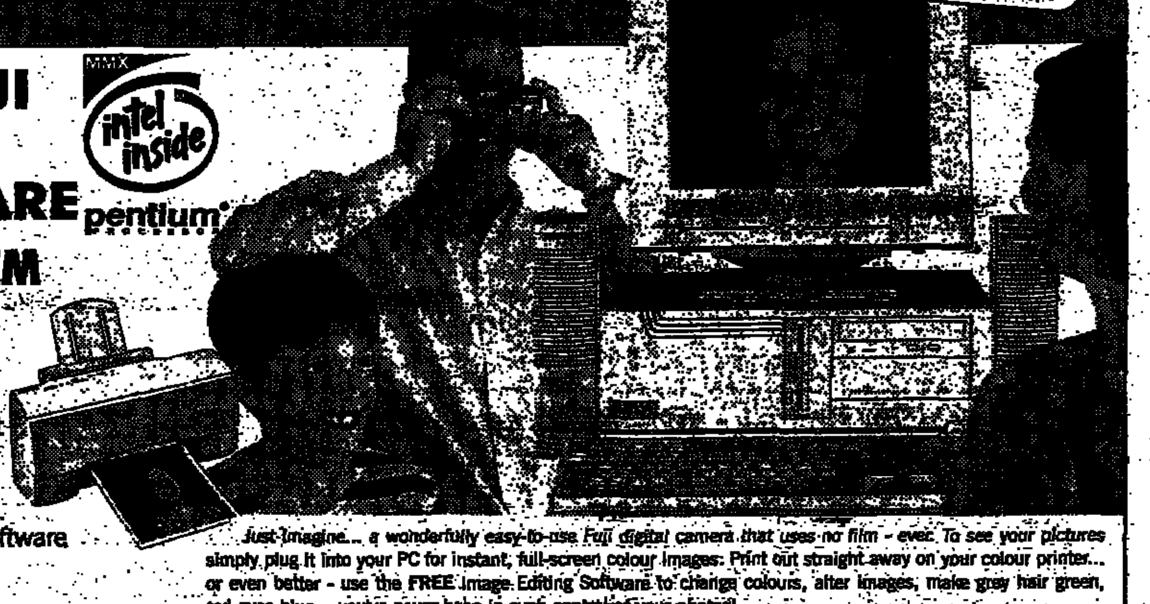

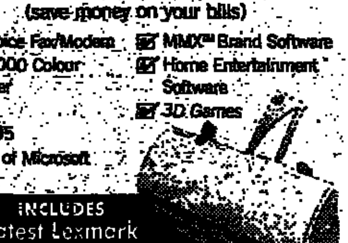

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Iceland rattles China at dinner table

FROM JAMES PRINGLE
IN BEIJING

ICELAND (population 268,000) has become a mouse that roared in a diplomatic dispute with China (1.2 billion) over who came to dinner.

Beijing warned Reykjavik yesterday that it had "hurt the feelings of the Chinese people" by allowing a private, unofficial visit by Lien Chan, the Vice-President of Taiwan, this week.

"The Icelandic Government has paid no attention to China's position, and the bilateral relationship has been seriously damaged," Shen Guofang, the Foreign Ministry spokesman, said yesterday. "This is interference in China's internal affairs and Iceland will be held responsible."

Beijing is apparently enraged because Mr Lien Chan, also scheduled to visit Spain and Austria, has, at the start of his two-week European trip, had dinner in Reykjavik with David Oddsson, the Prime Minister.

Hjalmar Hannesson, the Icelandic Ambassador to Beijing, said China had made a "very strong" protest over what he called a "private, unofficial visit". He said: "During the Prime Minister's dinner, the two sides talked about business and tourism. We get about 2,000 tourists a year from Taiwan."

The ambassador said he did not know what the consequences would be, though reports from Reykjavik indicated *that the* Chinese Embassy has cancelled contracts worth millions of dollars to purchase fish and other products.

Mr Shen said: "No matter what the form of Lien Chan's visit, whether it is called a holiday or transit through the territory, in fact it has official colours."

Cabinet clash over Mossad murder squad

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER
IN JERUSALEM

DAVID LEVY, Israel's Foreign Minister, said yesterday that he was considering resigning over the "damaging" attempt to assassinate a Hamas leader in Jordan last month, as new details emerged about the bungled Mossad operation.

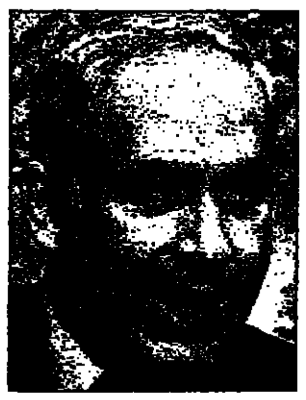
Asked on Israel Radio how close he had come to leaving Binyamin Netanyahu's Government, Mr Levy, who claims that he was not consulted on the bid to send secret agents to kill Khaled Meshaal with a mystery toxin, said: "Almost 50-50". He said he was "still weighing things up and considering the balance".

The Tel Aviv newspaper *Yediot Aharonot*, stung by criticism that the media had soft-pedalled coverage, pledges in today's edition to reveal the whole story, including details of a "secret meeting" at which it was approved, details of who gave the orders, and why a chemical weapon was used.

Using Israeli and Jordanian sources, *The Times* has put together a timetable of events in a scandal which nearly sabotaged the 1994 Israel-Jordan peace treaty and prompted King Hussein to declare during a phone call with President Clinton that Mr Netanyahu was "an impossible man to deal with".

☐ **July 30:** Emergency Israeli Cabinet meeting after suicide bombs in Jerusalem's crowded Mahane Yehuda market kill 16 Israelis decides to sanction attacks on Hamas military leaders. According to two of those present, the *motion did not mention names* or set constraints.

☐ **September 19:** Two and possibly four Israeli Mossad agents travelling on forged Canadian passports check into Amman's five-star Jordan Inter-Continental Hotel, an unlikely venue as it is favoured by the press and Jordanian intelligence.



Netanyahu: sent poison formula and antidote

☐ **September 25:** When Mr Meshaal arrives at his Amman office, two men are outside, one dark and muscular, the other bearded and fair. Both look like foreigners. The bearded man approaches the Hamas politburo chief and sprays or injects a toxin from a lead-coloured instrument wrapped in tape that makes a loud popping sound. Mr Meshaal feels a sensation "like an electric shock" in his spine and is rushed to hospital with severe respiratory problems. One doctor said he had a maximum of 48 hours to live. Two attackers are caught after a clash with Mr Meshaal's bodyguard. Four other members of the hit team take refuge in the Israeli Embassy. Israeli officials said that Mr Netanyahu is stunned and sends an antidote which saves Mr Meshaal's life. Jordanian officials say that, if he had died, the Mossad men would have been tried publicly and hanged.

☐ **September 26:** Mr Meshaal running a temperature of 102F (38C) and not responding to treatment. Intense telephone activity between Amman and Jerusalem with Jordan threatening dire consequences unless way found of saving his life.

☐ **September 27:** King Hussein phones Mr Clinton and explodes with frustration about Mr Netanyahu, claiming it is unclear whether the syringe containing the antidote is a trick and contains more poison. Message relayed to Israel and Mr Netanyahu decides to send written chemical formula to the King. Late on Saturday the formula is presented by Ephraim Halevy, the Israeli Ambassador to the European Union and former deputy head of Mossad. In return, the monarch permits him to smuggle the four agents in the embassy back to Israel.

☐ **September 28:** Mr Netanyahu goes to Jordan to cool the situation, although it is clear King Hussein will not see him. He travels with Ariel Sharon, the Infrastructure Minister, and Yitzhak Mordechai, the Defence Minister. They hold a tense meeting with Crown Prince El Hassan bin Talal, the only Arab leader to speak fluent Hebrew. He accuses Israel of attempting to destabilise the Hashemite Kingdom. Puts view held by many Arabs that Mossad has a reputation for excellence, and such amateurish failure must be deliberate. Israelis persuade him "it was cock-up rather than conspiracy".

☐ **October 4:** Mr Sharon completes a deal whereby up to 70 Arab prisoners, on top of already freed Hamas founder Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, will be part of package allowing two Mossad men home.

☐ **October 8:** The King phones Mr Netanyahu and offers to patch up ties.

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US signals new accord

Washington: The Clinton Administration is holding out hope of an agreement next week on a Palestinian airport and seaport. The drive was launched at a summit between Binyamin Netanyahu and Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian Authority President. President Clinton said the first summit in eight months "occurred not a moment too soon". ***(Reuter)***

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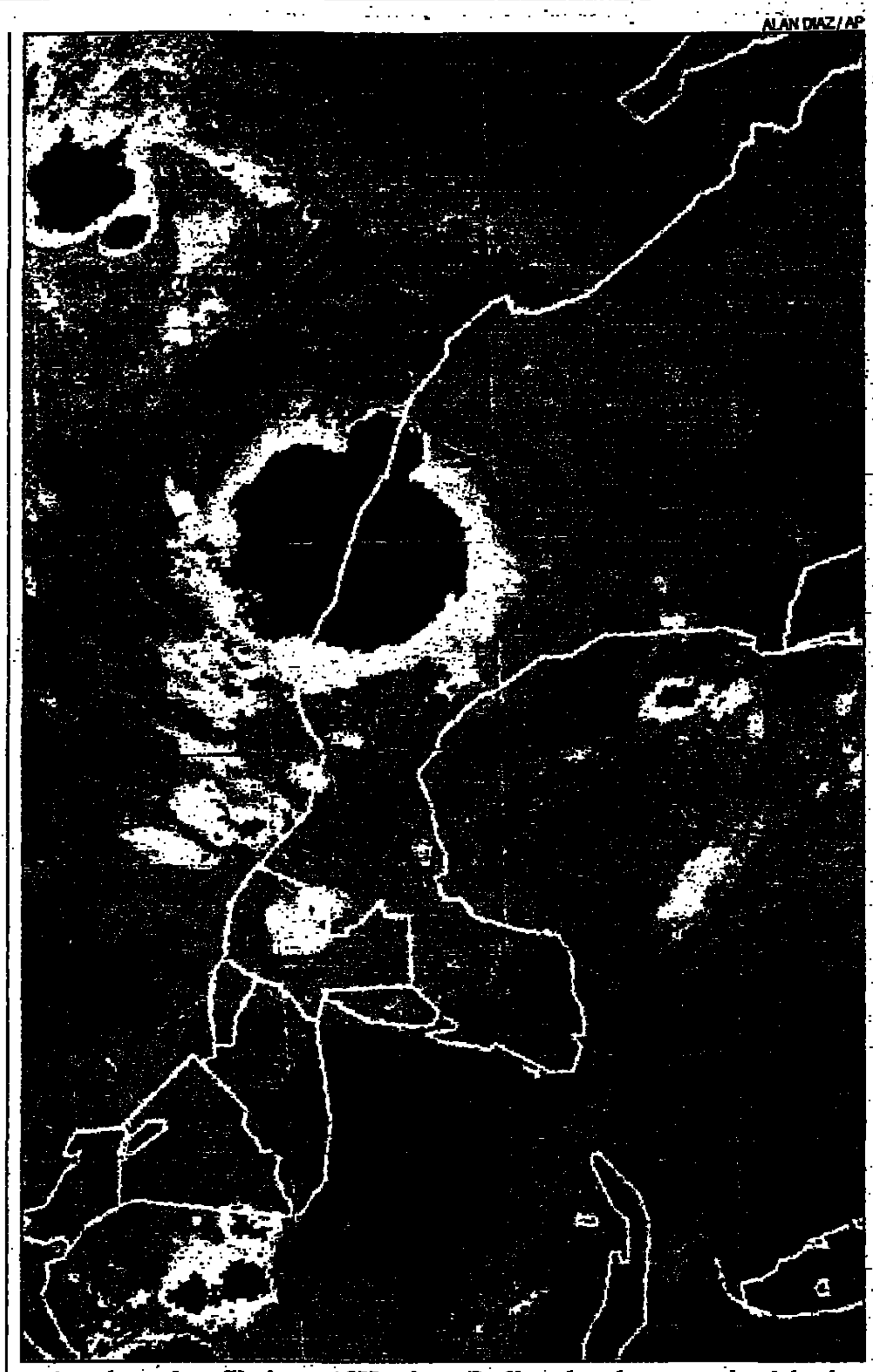

An enhanced satellite image of Hurricane Pauline when the eye was just inland near Acapulco yesterday. The storm is generating sustained winds up to 100mph

Hurricane claims 15 lives

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

ONE of the fiercest storms ever to hit Mexico's Pacific coast, Hurricane Pauline, battered many towns and villages yesterday, leaving at least 15 people dead and a trail of destruction.

A Red Cross spokesman said a woman, 22, and her three-year-old child were swept to their deaths as water up to 4ft deep raged through the resort of Acapulco, sweeping away several cars. "I've lived in Acapulco all my life, and never seen anything like this. This is a serious situation, and people are frightened," said Amado Ramírez, a local reporter.

All flights into the resort, about 175 miles southwest of Mexico City and with a population of a million, were cancelled, but a large cruise ship, the *Veendam*, with 2,000 tourists and crew on board, sailed from the city's port late on Wednesday in spite of raging seas.

Sheets of rain and gale-force winds also swelled rivers in other areas of Mexico. Flood water tore through ramshackle homes, felled trees and knocked out roads and electricity. Several people were reported to have been washed away.

Queen's dated trip lacks the magic of Diana

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS
IN LAHORE

THE QUEEN heads to the hills of Murree in Punjab today for a weekend retreat with the Duke of Edinburgh after a lacklustre state visit that most Pakistanis have hardly noticed. The formula of tree planting, award ceremonies and genteel speeches has seemed dated and spiritless, despite wide and friendly coverage in the local press.

The trip has been a far cry from the near-hysteria that greeted visits by Diana, Princess of Wales, whose position made her less constrained by the pomp required and expected of a visiting head of state. Lack of grassroots involvement has defined the visit, the Queen's first to Pakistan since 1961, which by all accounts was more memorable because she was able to drive through crowd-lined streets in an open car. To try that now would invite an assassin's bullet.

The extraordinary security, which stifled any attempt at spontaneity, was perhaps unavoidable because of Pakistan's violent gun culture. Many extremist groups would consider it a coup to harm the Queen, if only for the publicity. Karachi alone averages more than 1,000 political and ethnic killings a year.

Not only were people kept at bay this week, they were kept away entirely, and few were able to see anything of the Queen, save for what was in the papers and on television. She drove through almost empty Lahore streets last night, which were lined by policemen. The security presence paralysed the centre of this frenetic city to ensure she came to no harm.

Banners across the road from the airport proclaiming "Long live Pak-UK friendship" seemed what they were: a bureaucratic gesture by the Punjab state government without any significant sign of involvement by local people. It has been a week of dignitaries gathering beneath crystal chandeliers, of restricted meetings and ceremonies rehearsed to the last drumbeat.

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Senator furious at inquiry on executions

FROM JAMES BONE
IN NEW YORK

A UNITED NATIONS investigation into the death penalty in the United States has provoked a furious reaction from a Republican senator who controls the purse strings for paying off Washington's debt to the organisation.

Jesse Helms, the powerful chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, denounced as "an absurd charade" and an "intentional insult" a visit to the United States by a Senegalese investigator for the UN Human Rights Commission.

Waly Ndiaye, a former Amnesty International official now serving as the UN special rapporteur on extra-judicial, summary or arbitrary executions, spent two weeks interviewing death row inmates and meeting state officials as part of an inquiry into capital punishment and deaths in police custody.

He is only the second UN human rights investigator to visit the United States, a country which routinely pushes for vigorous human rights investigations elsewhere in the world.

Mr Ndiaye's visit did not sit well with Senator Helms, who holds the key to any compromise on paying off Washington's $1.5 billion (£931 million) debt to the UN. In an irate letter to the American Ambassador at UN headquarters, he described Mr Ndiaye's inquiry as "a perfect example of why the United Nations is looked upon with such disdain by the American people".

Mr Ndiaye expressed surprise at his frosty reception in America, particularly because he was part of an earlier American-backed UN team that sought to uncover human rights abuses in the former Zaire.

Mr Ndiaye's investigation was prompted by the rise in the number of executions in America, reports of racism in use of the death penalty and the execution of mentally retarded prisoners and those convicted as minors.

US cyclist bumped by woman motorist shoots her dead

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

A CYCLIST who was yesterday bumped by a car outside Washington drew a pistol and shot the driver dead.

The cyclist approached the blue Honda Accord at a crossroads in Langley Park, Maryland, and fired into the head of Joy Enriquez, 19, who died instantly.

Ms Enriquez, a student, had spent the day at her parents' home before driving in rush-hour traffic to a lecture at Montgomery College. Turning left at an intersection, she appeared to knock the cyclist off his bicycle. According to witnesses, as she pulled over to check if he was injured, the cyclist shouted and swore at her before shooting her.

He then abandoned his cycle and was chased on foot by police. A man, identified as Alejandro Grant, 26, was arrested ten minutes later and was held without bail on a charge of first-degree murder.

"The guy fell off, she just tapped the wheel on the back," one witness told *The Washington Post*. "It was an accident. She pulled over immediately and they had words. He fell off onto his back but got right up. It could have been me. It could have been my co-worker. I can understand he was angry and upset, but you don't go and shoot somebody." Road rage is a common problem in America, but the National Crime Prevention Council said it was rare for people to be killed in an incident such as that in Maryland.

The council blamed the shooting on a combination of factors, including a lack of any sense of community and the availability of handguns. "A major part of the equation is the sense of anonymity and that, if someone violates what you deem to be acceptable norms of behaviour, you are entitled to take the law into your own hands," said the council's Jean O'Neil.

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Prodi offers to quit as Marxist allies desert

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

Scalfaro: keen to avoid fresh elections

ITALY was thrown into political turmoil yesterday as Professor Romano Prodi, the centre-left Prime Minister, offered his resignation to President Scalfaro after the refusal of his Communist allies to back him in parliament over the 1998 budget.

The President asked Signor Prodi to stay on in a caretaker capacity until "a solution can be found". If the Prime Minister is unable to continue in power by forming a minority administration, the most likely options are new elections, a caretaker government to help Italy to enter economic and monetary union, or a grand coalition.

The move places a serious question mark over Italy's Herculean efforts to join the European single currency, and threatens to bring an abrupt and premature end to the country's first left-wing government since the Second World War. President Scalfaro is known to be keen to avoid new elections at a time when Italy is grappling not only with its European policy but also with economic austerity and constitutional reform.

The Prodi Government, which includes the Party of the Democratic Left, or former Communists, who were excluded from government for 50 years, came to power 18 months ago after the last elections in April 1996. Signor Prodi, an economics professor from Bologna, vowed not only to take Italy into the single currency by cutting the budget deficit and reducing inflation — targets which Italy has come very close to meeting — but also to put an end to unstable "revolving-door" governments by reforming the constitution and moving towards a "normal democracy" with left and right blocs.

Although the coalition of centrist and left-wing parties put together by Signor Prodi had a comfortable majority in the Senate, it had to rely from the outset in the Lower House on the 35 MPs of Communist Refoundation, a hardline Marxist party opposed to cuts in welfare spending.

Yesterday, despite days of behind-the-scenes persuasion and arm-twisting, the Communists, led by Fausto Bertinotti, announced that they could not vote for the budget because it "failed to do enough to protect pensioners and the unemployed". Signor Prodi pre-empted certain defeat in the vote at the end of the debate by going to the Quirinale Palace to offer to resign.

The Prime Minister had offered to move towards a statutory 35-hour working week and to create jobs in disadvantaged areas such as the South. But he insisted on £1.86 billion of welfare spending cuts, including reductions in state support for pensions, which accounts for more than 17 per cent of gross national product, the highest rate in Europe. "The disequilibrium in the pensions sector must be resolved in a definitive manner," he told the chamber.

He also insisted on privatisation of the telecommunications and energy sectors, both anathema to the Communists, although he hinted that profits would be invested in job creation.

Silvio Berlusconi, the media tycoon and leader of the Centre Right opposition, said the only "serious solution" was a grand coalition. A cross-party administration, he said was "the most certain way" for Italy to enter Europe, overhaul the economy and carry out reforms. Opposition aides said that the Centre Right would not want Signor Prodi to continue if a centre-right coalition were formed.

Last night, Giorgio Macciotta, the Treasury Under-Secretary, said: "This is an idiotic crisis. Nothing is compromised for the entry into Europe."

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Romano Prodi in parliament in Rome yesterday as the hardline Communist Refoundation announced it was withdrawing support to his Government

The withdrawal of Communist support appears to signal the end of Signor Prodi's dream of ruling for a full five-year term "on a programme of European commitment abroad and social justice at home", as he put it during the budget debate. Yesterday he spoke calmly but wearily, appealing several times in vain to Signor Bertinotti with the air of an idealistic academic who had given of his best for a year and a half but had finally fallen foul of the intrigues and instabilities of traditional Italian coalition politics.

He said on taking power that he had "broken the mould" of Italian postwar history by forming a broad left-wing alliance. But the fatal flaw from the beginning was the alliance's illusion of a parliament majority, masking its dependence on intransigent Marxists with whom in reality it had little in common.

Papon 'felt pain when he learnt fate of deportees'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN BORDEAUX

MAURICE PAPON, the accused French war criminal, suffered cardiac pains yesterday outside the Bordeaux court where he is on trial for deporting more than 1,500 Jews to their deaths in the Second World War, his lawyer said.

M Papon, 87, who suffers from heart disease, was given medication and examined by a court doctor who declared that he had recovered sufficiently. His lawyer, Jean-Marc Varaut, said the heart pains had been caused by the stress of the three-hour afternoon hearing and the heat inside the court.

The evidence of M Papon's apparently mounting frailty came just hours after M Varaut's opening salvo in the case, "begging" for the immediate release of his ailing client, and insisting that the charges of crimes against humanity be dropped.

As the court continued to deliberate over whether M Papon should be released on bail during the trial or hospitalised, M Varaut said the ageing former bureaucrat had no chance of receiving a fair trial in modern France. "The trial cannot continue," he said, claiming the case violates the European Convention on Human Rights requiring that trials be held "within a reasonable period".

While denouncing the "unfair" prosecution, M Varaut also introduced an unexpected note of contrition, emphasising the "poignant pain" felt by the former senior official of the pro-Nazi Vichy regime when he learnt of the fate of Jews deported from France to Nazi death camps.

M Varaut said M Papon had expressed those sentiments in a television interview before the trial, but that these had been "censored" and were never broadcast — a sign, the lawyer said, of the weight of public opinion ranged against M Papon.

"Maurice Papon wants, we want, the civil plaintiffs want, to end together the mourning for this terrible era, when it was harder to know one's duty, than to follow it ... In spite of himself, through his job and his sense of duty, Maurice Papon set out on the path of suffering," M Varaut declared.

In a flash of anger, when asked to comment, M Papon told the court that his opinions could be found by "rummaging through the rubbish bins" of a television station that had interviewed him before the trial.

While conceding M Papon's pain, M Varaut continued to paint him as a dedicated civil servant who remained at his post and did his duty. "To resign would have been to desert," he said.

Two court-appointed medical experts examined M Papon in his cell at Gradignan jail on Wednesday, after his lawyer gave a warning that M Papon could die if kept in detention, and declared the facilities inadequate given "the gravity of his illness". They recommended that he be moved to a coronary unit in a nearby hospital and kept under guard for the rest of the trial. The court will decide whether to act on those recommendations today.

The court will issue a verdict next Wednesday on M Varaut's demand that the case be dropped, but there is almost no chance the trial will be called off.

Juppé flat in Paris auctioned

FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

THE luxurious city-owned Paris flat illegally rented by Alain Juppé, France's former Prime Minister, at a vastly reduced rent has been sold at auction to an anonymous buyer for Fr7.1 million (£740,000).

M Juppé was forced to move out of the six-room duplex in the wealthy Saint Germain des Prés district two years ago after the public scandal surrounding the corruption allegations.

Bidding was fierce for the flat which almost toppled a Prime Minister, but Lot 72 110 belonging to the City of Paris was eventually snapped up by a French buyer who paid well over the market rate.

M Juppé was Deputy Mayor of Paris in charge of the city's finances when he began renting the elegant flat in the best part of town at 40 per cent below the market rate — courtesy of the City of Paris.

Dilemma for Blair over death penalty debate at summit

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN STRASBOURG

BRITISH discomfort over abolishing the death penalty will be on display in Strasbourg today when Tony Blair joins Presidents Yeltsin, Chirac and the leaders of 37 other European nations at a summit devoted to bolstering democracy and the rule of law from Vladivostok to Lisbon.

A call for an end to capital punishment in peacetime is among a string of grand declarations to be endorsed by the Council of Europe at the summit, only the second in the 48-year history of the West's oldest club of democracies.

The Prime Minister is expected to use his speech, made on the same day as William Hague's at the Conservative conference, to project Britain as an example of democracy and humanitarian values. He is likely to confirm the Government's plan to incorporate the European Human Rights Convention into British law, ending an anomaly that has served to multiply British cases before the Strasbourg court. The move is being welcomed as a contrast to the often hostile stance of the previous Conservative administration.

However, parliamentary tradition will require delicate verbal footwork when Mr Blair joins the chorus against the death penalty. Britain is one of half a dozen member states which have not signed Protocol Six of the Convention, outlawing executions. Though scrapped for murder in 1965, the penalty still exists in theory for treason, piracy and certain military offences.

The fact that the Prime Minister cannot promise to sign the protocol without parliamentary approval is embarrassing at a time when the Council is busy fostering the rule of democracy among its swelling ranks of former communist members. The Council is pressing Mr Yeltsin to enact the protocol despite opposition at home. "Britain's position doesn't make it easy when we are telling the Russians that they must ignore their parliament," said a council official.

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When sexual stereotype meets Just William

I cannot get through winter without that one elusive garment

I SOUGHT it with thimbles. I sought it with care... I pursued it, like lost love, through the shopping streets of London and Oxford and Canterbury. In the end, I'd given up all hope of finding it and was saying to myself, Oh well, it doesn't really matter, I suppose. I *can* get through the winter without one...

Only of course it *does* really matter, and in fact I am going to spend from now until the spring collections *minding* about this glaring absence in my wardrobe. It's not even as though it is the sort of thing you can run up for yourself on a wet Sunday afternoon.

> Mine, all mine — the elusive grey flannel bustier

But then, as I drifted through Selfridges on some quite different errand (probably my other great unresolved shopping quest — the hunt for the fugitive Tinky Winky doll, without which my goddaughter can never grow up to be a fully rounded human being), the Kindly Ones who watch over fashion victims steered me towards the Warehouse concession — and there it was. In my size.

Hardly daring to breathe, in case I alerted the determined-looking girl who was already riffling through the rail, *I crept up on it as though* it were the last surviving example of an all-but-extinct species — and pounced. Mine, all mine. The elusive grey flannel bustier.

I haven't actually worn it yet, mind you. What *do* you wear a grey flannel bustier with? And where? I am not sure how it would play in the office — it does rather expose the Upper Torso — and it seems a shade grand for the parent teachers's association barbecue... But the point is, now I have it safely captive in the cupboard, I can afford to contemplate these questions at my leisure. In the meantime, every so often, I open the wardrobe door, look at it hanging there, and *gloat*.

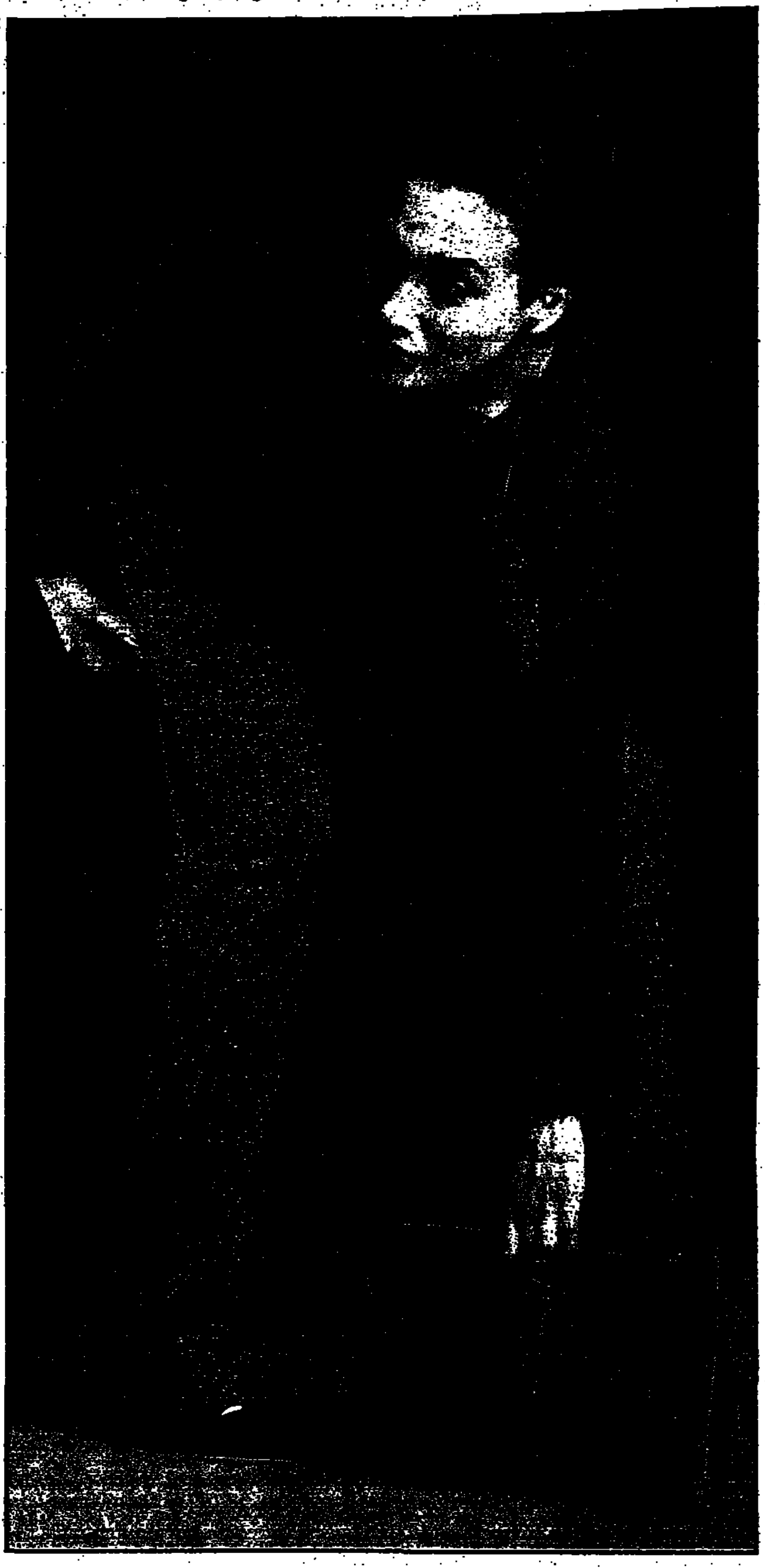
Now, I know the word Bustier conjures up all sorts of visions — most of them involving purple satin, and nylon lace, and having to take your husband's little birthday inspiration back to the shop and ask if they can exchange it for something a bit less excitable in cotton interlock.

And of course the words Grey Flannel conjure up a set of quite other images: the baggy shorts favoured by a certain sort of rather terrifying small boy, for example (invariably accessorised with those stripy elastic belts that do up with a little metal serpent, and an heroic set of scabs on each bony knee). Also, the frightful wrapover games skirts in which one spent hours of myopic teenaged misery, being bellowed at by the Captain of Hockey.

But such is the charming alchemy of fashion that someone, *somewhere in the* Warehouse design team took a notion to mix up an elderly sexual stereotype with a material unaffectionately associated with one's schooldays. And from the combination arose something so witty and elegant and redolent of *haute couture* that grown-up women are prepared to pursue it all over England.

Rhapsody in grey

Grey is to this autumn what brown was to last. So no wardrobe should be without a pair of grey flannels, says Style Editor **Grace Bradberry**



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Model: Sara-Li

Top: Wool trousers, £50 and matching bustier, £35 both by Warehouse, 19-21 Argyll Street W1. 0171-278 3491. Red suede stiletto boots, £275 by Gina, 189 Sloane Street SW1. 0171-235 2932. Red and black beaded choker, £180 by Erickson Beamon, 38 Elizabeth Street SW1. 0171-259 0202

Bottom left: Wide leg trousers, £160 by Max Mara, 32 Sloane Street SW1, 0171 287 3434. Grey beaded camisole top, £38 by Warehouse. Rib tie cardigan with cream fake fur collar, £210 by John Richmond at Harrods, Knightsbridge SW1. National inquiry number: 0171-978 5278. Porcupine hair quill, £155 by Erik Halley at Erickson Beamon

Bottom right: One button trousersuit, £550 by Byblos at Harrods. Black and cream lace camisole top, £26.99 by Oasis, national inquiry number: 01865-881 986. Gold leaf hair comb, £150 by Van Der Straeten at Erickson Beamon

Main picture: Grey trousers, £199 to order from Cerrutti 1881, 106 New Bond Street W1. 0171-495 5880. Red ribbed crossover top, £125 by Plein Sud at Harrods, 0171-730 1234. Black patent booties, £250 by Ernesto Epoisto at Russell & Bromley. Grey snakeskin clutch bag, £225 by Russell & Bromley. Red and black long beaded earrings, £25 by Erickson Beamon

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A silent kiss for Jackie

Jacqueline du Pré
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In the final extract from the du Pré memoir, **Hilary du Pré** says she dreaded seeing Jackie as the illness progressed

As Jackie became more incapacitated, she took an even greater delight in shocking people. Many a male visitor would be alarmed by the greeting "**** me". Some turned it into a joke, others were frightened away. Maybe it was Jackie's way of saying she had not lost her sexuality.

The phone rang one day. It was Jackie. She wanted to speak to Kiffer.

"He's outside, gardening, Jack. Shall I call him?"

"Well, please tell him to come to London now because I need him to make love to me."

I felt paralysed.

"Jackie, I can't tell him to do that. You must speak to him."

"Go and get him, then, so that I can ask him myself."

With a pounding heart, I ran outside and called Kiffer to the phone. "It's Jackie. She needs to speak to you."

Kiffer listened to her for a while without responding. After a long silence, he said: "Jackie, we can't go back in time. It wouldn't work. I'm sorry, but no."

She slammed the phone down.

"Kiffer," I whispered. "That's the first time anyone in the family has said 'no' to her."

> 'Even in death she was tying me into emotional knots'

Jackie never spoke to Kiffer again.

By 1982, Jackie's health was deteriorating quickly. Swallowing was difficult, and her speech was hard to understand. Only her most faithful friends visited her regularly.

In early 1987, Piers and I went to visit her. She was in her wheelchair. Talking was almost impossible for her and her eyes were wide open with the strain of trying to see. Her faithful driver, Doug, was there, and we thought it would be fun to go on a jaunt.

Doug helped us hoist the chair into the car and handed the keys to Piers. We were on our own, and we could go anywhere we wanted. We felt like schoolchildren playing truant. We giggled and joked. Jackie tried hard to talk, but could only join in the laughter. It was the first time in years that we had felt so free together. We had escaped.

As the months went by, I came to dread the first moment of seeing her, because each time she was so much worse. Once I found Jackie slumped in her wheelchair, her head dipping and bouncing. She tried to say "Hello, Hil," but her tongue wouldn't function properly, and a croaky gurgle came out. I put my arm round her head and held it close.

"Hello, Jack."

She tried to put her right arm round me, but it just waved in mid-air. I caught it and held it across my shoulder. A huge lump had formed in my throat and I couldn't speak. So we both remained there, silently clinging.

"Jacks, how is Danny?" I asked. She blew a raspberry. I chatted about the family. More snorts. "And who has been to see you?" She gurgled "No one".

Lunch was ready. The nurse had prepared a liver dish that we both loved, but when I tried to put food into Jackie's mouth, her head movements became more violent, making it impossible to get the spoon into her mouth. So I held her head firmly against my body with my left hand, and put a spoonful of food into her mouth with my right. Because she couldn't control her tongue, chewing was difficult, so each mouthful was a huge effort. She looked frightened, but was hungry, so we had to repeat the process over and over. She was becoming exhausted and, because it took so long, her meal had become cold.

After lunch, we put on Jackie's recording of the Schumann Concerto. I could not believe that the person I had just been trying to feed, who was now shaking uncontrollably beside me, was the same person who had created these heavenly sounds.

In mid-October 1987 Jackie suddenly became much worse. She was suffering from pneumonia and was unable to talk, swallow, speak or see.

I wondered "What if she needs to cough? What if she chokes? What should I do?" Jackie was flailing about, her arms banging on the bed, her eyes rolling. Her heels and elbows were protected by muffs to prevent soreness from the incessant rubbing. She was a gyrating mass.

I had just returned from Jersey, where I had been with Aunt Myrtle, who was scattering Uncle Norman's ashes. I reminded Jackie of Lalla's farmhouse, which we knew so well, and the race to see who could spot the cows first. I described the smell of Jersey, and the warm pink granite.

After a short while, Jackie became calm and still; her eyes were open, her whole body was relaxed, and her arms and fingers were motionless. My sister was with me again and I was with her. It was one of the most intense times I had ever had with her. I didn't dare stop talking.

Suddenly the door latch clicked and the thrashing instantly started again. I squeezed her hand and said "Thank you, Jack".

She could not reply. But for that time, we had been as close as any two people could be.

I was telephoned on Monday morning and told the end was very close. Piers and I left for London. Jackie was hardly breathing and seemed to be only just conscious. We gently held her hands, whispered to her, wept and were silent. Even in death, this once powerful personality was still tying me up in emotional knots. All over again I felt lost, bereft, bewildered, confused and overwhelmingly sad. For 42 years we had been through such an extraordinary gamut of situations and feelings. I loved her so much, yet had been profoundly hurt by her. I was so proud of her, and we had had enormous fun together. I had longed to be the performer she was, and she had longed for the children and life I had.

At midday Danny arrived from Paris. A silent kiss from each of us for Jackie, and Piers and I left her with him.

I felt so sorry for Danny. He looked as though he had aged a hundred years. Piers and I stood at Jackie's bedside. At last she looked tranquil. She was still alive, but unconscious. Piers and I left the room as Danny went in. He was the last to be with her.

After Jackie died, there were the inevitable newspaper articles. When I read that Danny had been living with the Russian pianist Helena Bachkirev in Paris for the past five years and that they had two children, I was astonished. I had had no idea of his "other life", but on reflection understood how vital it was for him to have the support of a family. In fact, it had made no difference to the tenderness with which he had looked after Jackie.

Danny introduced me to Helena at the Royal Festival Hall after one of his concerts. She was delightful and so were their two boys, who were running around the Green Room. I was happy that Danny had a flourishing family after those years of sadness.

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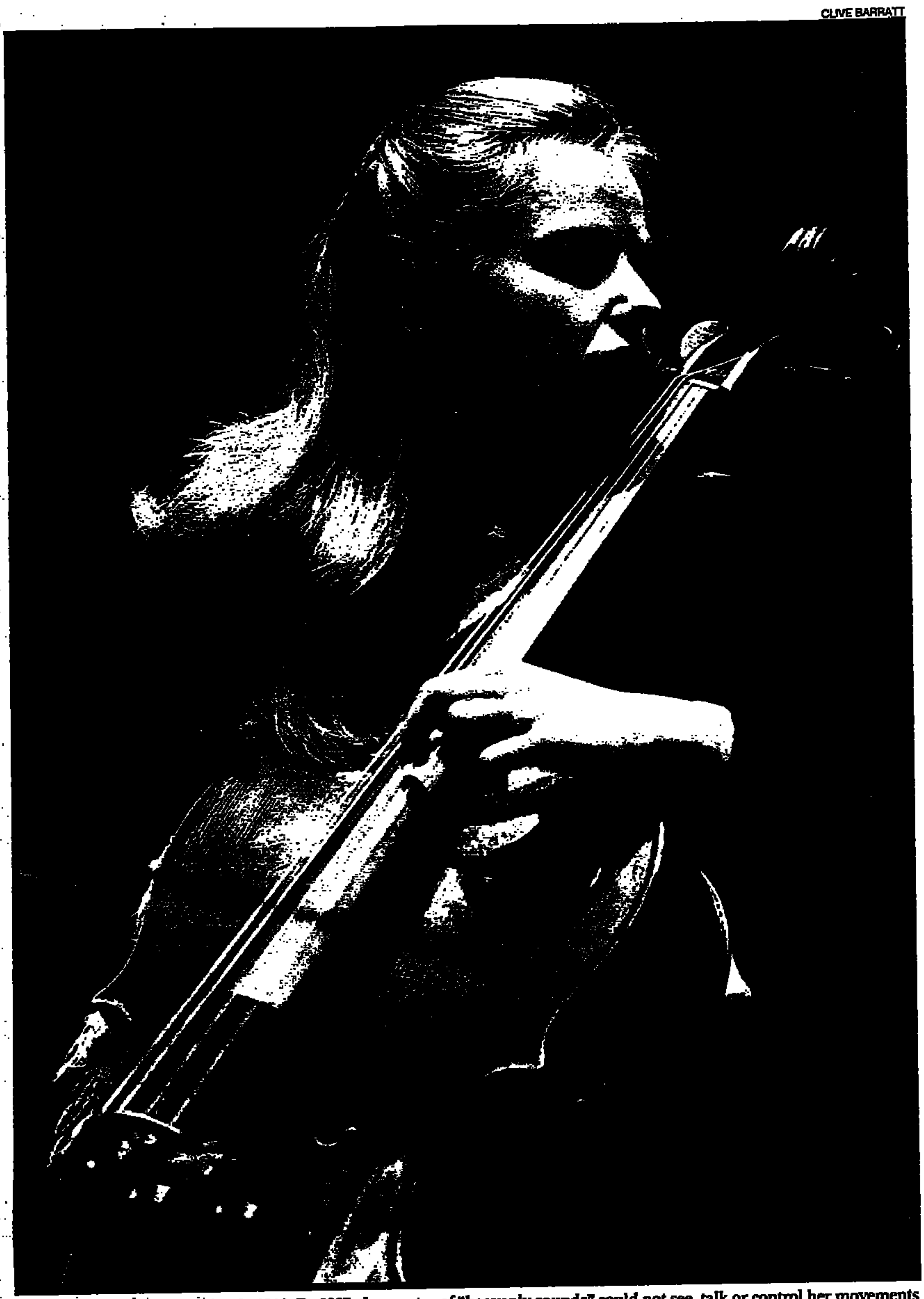


Jacqueline du Pré performing in 1969. By 1987, the creator of "heavenly sounds" could not see, talk or control her movements

Hilary, Jackie (centre) and Piers with their parents

'We watched as she shone'

HILARY:
Looking around the cemetery, I felt troubled. Why was she here? No family, no friends, no beauty. She seemed cut off from every place she had loved. I wished she could have been with Mum.

Our family were all so dependent on one another that we knew what each was thinking, removing the need for words. We inherited Mum's intuitive approach to life, and have always followed our instincts.

As Jackie's talent became more evident, the balance of our family life altered, and we felt compelled to nurture her and her colossal gift. Following Mum's lead, we all supported her and watched as she shone in the spotlight. She was automatically put first.

We saw her genius as natural, normal. Now I realise geniuses are not the same as other people, and it would have been impossible even to try inflicting an ordinary way of life upon her. She was driven by something deep within her, and we had no option but to be borne along by her current.

Genius demands an unusual and specific environment in which to flourish, which in itself requires genius. Mum's intuitive understanding and thorough musical training enabled her to provide the background Jackie needed. Dad, trusting Mum implicitly, provided the home and financial support.

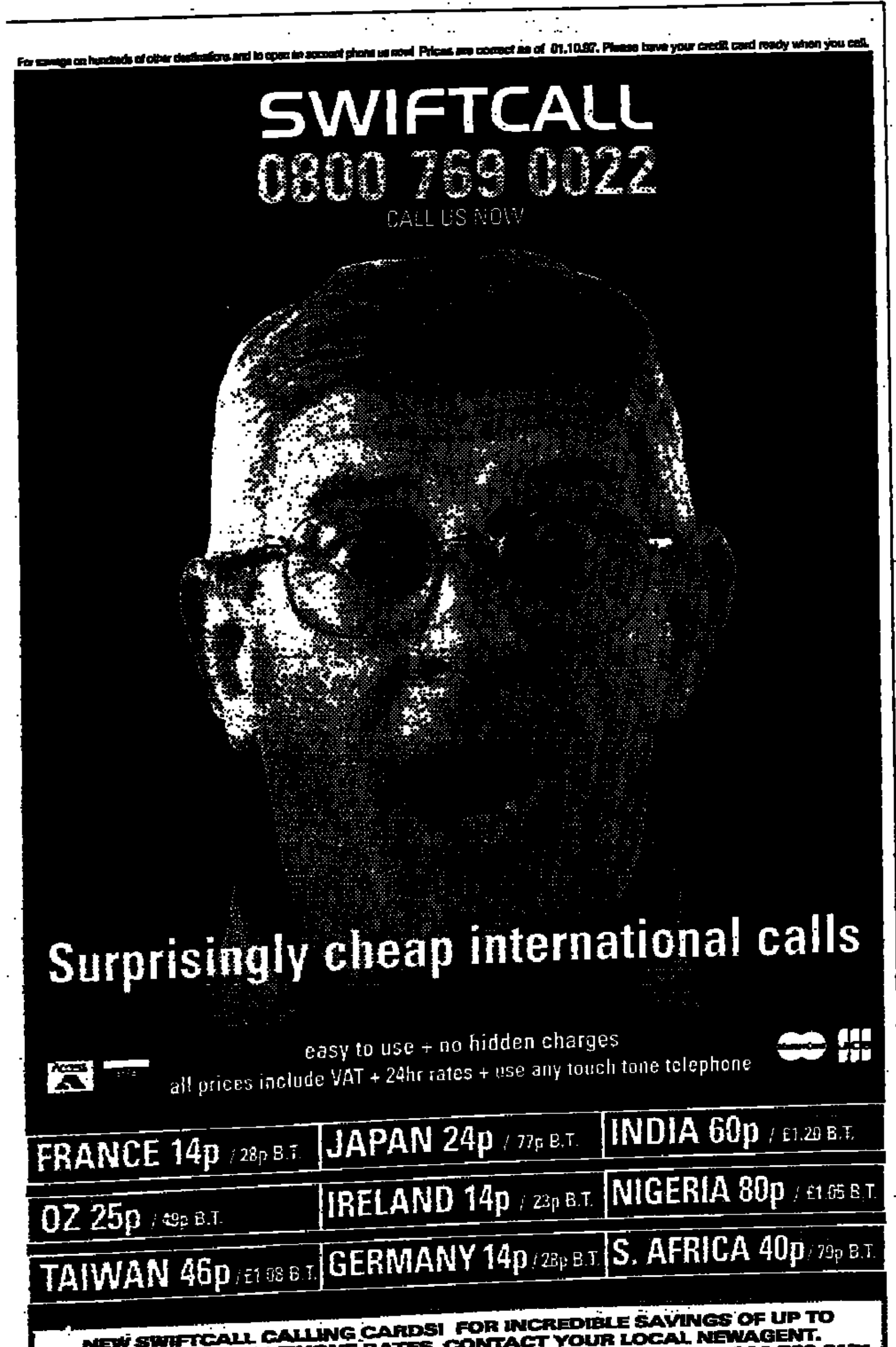
Before I met Kiffer, I took it for granted that my job in life would be to care for Jackie wherever she might be. But falling in love with Kiffer was even more powerful. For a while I was free. But when Jackie called from America and turned to me for help, I immediately slotted back into the old pattern. Without question, I responded to her needs once again.

I thought I was doing everything in my power to help her, but her death left me with an overwhelming sense of failure. I couldn't save her.

MUM had the same struggle. In every detail she had taken care of Jackie. But when her child was 18 she had released her from her nest into the world. The daughter for whom she had fought was ready to fly, and she let her go. But when multiple sclerosis was diagnosed, Mum became the scapegoat. People said she had denied Jackie a normal childhood, a normal education, friends; had imposed her own unfulfilled ambitions upon her; no wonder Jackie was so unhappy, so stressed; no wonder she developed MS.

Mum never "pushed" Jackie. *Jackie* was the pusher, and Mum, like the rest of us, had to run to keep up with her.

Recently, Piers came across a quotation: "No family should have less than three children. If there is one genius among them, there should be two to support him."



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Why gilded youth must pay its way

Let Oxbridge charge students full fees, urges **Terence Kealey**

Oxford and Cambridge claim that they are about to face cataclysmic decline as centres of teaching and research because the Government is threatening to withhold the college fees. These two universities' claims should be dismissed as special pleading. Of course the colleges should be preserved, but they should be genuinely privatised.

The Government now pays Oxford and Cambridge some £5,000 in fees per student per year, compared to £3,000 at other universities. This £2,000 supplement supports the colleges. Believing that this anomaly is unjust, the Labour Government is proposing to withhold the extra money. Ministers say their proposals are based on common justice. Oxbridge colleges are already rich, their undergraduates are among the most privileged on the planet, so why should the taxpayer offer special subsidies to this gilded youth?

The Government's case is morally unanswerable. About half of all Oxbridge undergraduates were educated in private schools, where annual fees are greatly in excess of £2,000. A boarding school education now costs £7,800-£13,500 a year: at a day school the range is £3,750-£9,300. Moreover, many "state-educated" undergraduates were in fact educated privately until GCSEs, only taking their A levels at sixth-form colleges. Many other Oxbridge undergraduates come from the surviving grammar schools, which tend to serve the more prosperous parts of the country. It is easy to see that most parents could pay college fees of, say, £3,000 a year per student, which would leave plenty of money over to cross-subsidise the children of the genuinely poor.

Most parents could pay £3,000 a year

The debates over these fees have thrown up a chilling undertone. Some academics have argued for an even freer market, suggesting that each university should be able to charge whatever fees its students will bear. But ministers have confirmed that they will not allow this.

Not allow this? Our universities are so stretched that essential repairs and essential equipment are being neglected, yet so unfree is higher education that it may not set its own fees, even to students who could afford them. What else will this Government now forbid — the teaching of subjects with no practical application? Ancient languages or theoretical studies? Or will capital-intensive sciences be treated as luxuries?

These are not futile fears. During the late 1980s, Margaret Thatcher personally vetoed a £1 million State-funded research study into the sexual habits of the nation, a study that Aids researchers needed, because she found the topic distasteful. It was the privately-funded Wellcome Trust which saved that project. Academic freedom goes hand-in-hand with economic freedom.

Government funding for our universities is a relatively recent phenomenon. The University Grants Committee (UGC) was created in 1919 to support institutions whose investment income had collapsed through wartime inflation. But already in 1932 John Murray, the Principal of Exeter University College, gave warning of the dangers to academic autonomy: "A university is like a man, it may gain the whole world and lose its own soul." And there has been loss of soul. Increasingly, academics make public pronouncements that are self-serving rather than honest. Do you remember when in 1985 Oxford academics voted to deny Margaret Thatcher an honorary degree, claiming that under her higher education was in decline? Actually the system was expanding, and has gone on doing so ever since. That episode and the biased statistics that dons then threw around represent a stain on Oxford's record. Or do you remember when, in 1980, senior professors united in warning us that the charging of full fees for foreigners would drive them away? Today our university towns are overflowing with foreign students — and why not? Their lovely full fees swell the academic coffers.

But there are more subtle ways in which State funding undermines academic life. As dons feel dependent upon the State, they invent justifications for that dependency. Take the economic theory of "positive externalities" in education. This states that because university graduates confer benefits on society by virtue of being graduates, society should pay for their education.

But the private rewards, both cultural and economic, of higher education are so great that no laisser faire society has ever run out of university graduates. That is a fact you will not easily learn in our faculties of economics today.

Perhaps the greatest crisis that universities face today is over standards of teaching. They are declining. That is a direct consequence of nationalisation. Since students do not pay fees directly, they have no power, and lecturers can afford to ignore many of their legitimate complaints.

It is the present Government, not the universities, that has learnt the lessons of the last few general elections. The electorate will not tolerate higher taxes, but it does want better public services. Those imperatives must translate into gradual privatisation. It is a privatisation we can increasingly afford, as living standards continue to rise, as long as care is taken to protect the weak — but only the weak, not the privileged.

Fortunately, economic autonomy feeds both academic freedom and higher standards of teaching. "Confronting the contemporary", in Mr Blair's words, is good for everyone, Oxbridge colleges included.

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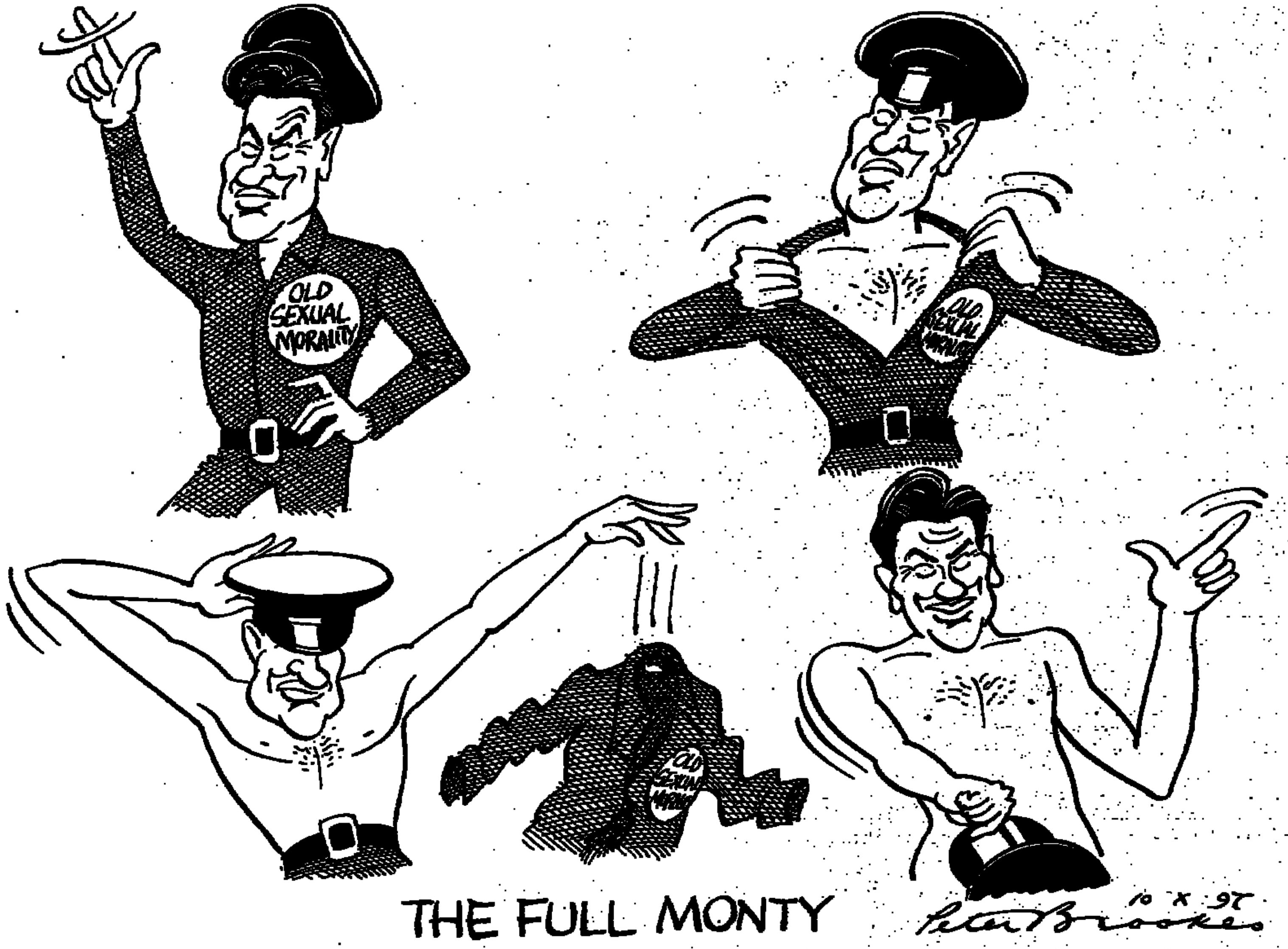

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Benign hibernation

Tories clamour for Hague to fight back; the nation could do with a period of silence

Matthew Parris

During a bad storm, skippers in the days of sail would thrust into the passenger's hand the end of a length of rope. "Hold on to this as though your life depended on it," they would holler through the wind, "and keep pulling! Don't let go."

The rope would be attached to nothing that mattered. The captain's purpose was to make passengers believe they had something vital to do, distracting them from thinking about their own situation, and panicking.

It has seemed to me, in Blackpool this week, that William Hague has a similar challenge. The Conservative Party fears for its life. As the breeze of new Labour's popularity freshens to a storm, concern persists, and could grow, that the Opposition may simply be blown away. To avoid panic, the party badly needs something beyond its own mortality to contemplate, and its new skipper must find ropes for Tory activists and MPs — even his own Shadow Cabinet — to grasp, hold and pull.

Equally important is that these ropes are attached to nothing that matters. This would be the worst possible time for passengers or crew to start pulling the rigging about. Mr Hague must give his party an impression of activity and a sense of purpose, without doing much.

These two imperatives are almost inconsistent. The first it is hardly necessary to explain. The worried hopefulness of Tory representatives at the Winter Gardens is palpable. Mr Hague had a measure of success this week in both calming and enthusing his party, but he is not yet secure. Should he miss his stride and fall foul of a press ever ready to headline a "lacklustre" or "disappointing" patch in his leadership, sharks patrol.

Prominent among the fins on partial display is that of Kenneth Clarke. This amazing self-publicist — the only man in British politics yet to have grasped the emerging truth that PR is bad public relations — remains alert to any opportunity to untuck his shirt, throw soup over his own tie, and fall just a millimetre short of ruling himself out of the race.

So Hague needs to keep making waves in his party's indoor swimming pool. Less obvious is the case for not swimming into the deeper waters beyond.

But it is a powerful case. Everyone at Blackpool has been looking for slogans to caption the relaunch: phrases like "back in business", "the fightback begins now", and Hague's own campaign message, "a fresh start", bleat feebly from the texts of unnumbered press releases. There is one slogan, however, which has hardly been whispered, a slogan which expresses well the response of the wider British public to this party at present. "A period of silence is now called for," has been wise advice for convicted miscreants down the ages. The Tories were banged to rights only five months ago. From the Conservative Party, a period of silence is now called for.

One ventures this not by way of reproof. My own belief is that the party is entitled to boast of its past record and advertise Labour's present demerits. Entitled — but ill-advised, for it will do them no good. Britain is in no mood to hear Tories defending their past, and hardly interested in their future. Britain is in no mood to hear from them at all. They simply irritate people. The feeling is that the Tories have forfeited the right to criticise others. You may feel differently — I do — but it is fruitless to argue with a public mood; and best just to wait for it to go away.

My impression as a journalist is that when the Tory imprimatur is stamped on any critique of the present Government, it discredits the critique. When the press release bears that dreadful beacon on the Central Office logo, fair criticisms of Labour policy are brushed aside. Exposures of Labour corruption or Labour "sleaze" which — had the media uncovered the facts — would have been front-page news, are relegated when a Tory is the messenger. It follows that vigorous opposition from the Opposition is less of an embarrassment to Labour ministers than Conservative spokesmen have been telling their party, to cheers, this week. Should the Prime Minister become embattled within his own party, nothing would rescue him faster than a spirited Tory attack.

For the next year or more, the British press can make a better Opposition than the Conservative Party, and would probably rather they stayed away: few editors wish to seem in league with Tories. Anyone who has ever been asked to conceal his support for a cause, lest by association he damage it, will know how hurtful it is to excluded; but somebody should tell the Conservative Party that it is by piping down for a while that they will serve their own beliefs best.

And Hague must know there is another reason for a period of freewheeling. These early days of a new political era are the very worst time for an opposition party to be formulating policy. One of the huge mistakes Labour made in the early 1980s was to attempt a principled opposition to the gathering force of Thatcherism. By the time Neil Kinnock became leader, Labour was saddled (or soon to be) with opposing privatisation on principle, opposing cut-price council house sales on principle, and repeating and entrenching an outdated position on disarmament inherited from another age. They were even stuck with recommending withdrawal from the European Community. Quotes from that time are hurled at them to this day, and still sting.

What is Blairism going to look like? We simply do not know. Nor do we know which elements of emerging Labour policy will prove popular and irreversible, and which will soon be ripening for all-out opposition. Welfare reforms? Constitutional changes? Curfews for kids? "Workfare" policies? Student fees? The restructuring of the NHS? Prospects for the single currency? It is sheer vanity to suppose we can know, now, how Britain will be feeling about such questions in 1999. Let the Tories debate these matters internally until the cows come home, but the last thing Mr Hague should do is hammer out and publish a reasoned critique of Labour's ideas, until he has to.

Which is not yet. Political pundits may grumble or sneer, but the British public does not require its Principal Opposition to construct a government-in-waiting, and certainly not within months of an election. It is enough for an Opposition to cavil entertainingly from the sidelines. Government backbenchers may shout "What would *you* do?" across the floor at Mr Hague until they are pink in the face, but he need not answer, and few beyond the walls of Westminster and the towers of Canary Wharf will notice if he fails to.

In the end, Tony Blair will stumble. In the end — and hard though Mr Hague might find this to visualise now — Conservatives will sense a quickening of interest in them, in their ideas, in their leader, and in the kind of fight he is capable of offering Mr Blair.

But for all *this* he will have to wait — perhaps years. In the meantime, patience is needed. Facing inward to his membership, as Hague has been doing rather likeably this week, the new leader may wish to look energetic. A party reorganisation, like redecorating the lounge, is one way of doing nothing, energetically — though it is devoutly to be hoped that this "democratisation" process does not really take off, or it will end with bringing back the gallows and blowing up the Channel Tunnel.

Outwardly (by which I mean outside party conferences and fundraising speeches to the faithful) the Tories could take a lesson from Tommy the Tortoise.

Do you remember Tommy? During the silly season this summer, reports circulated about a tortoise which had risen from the dead. Tommy had fallen into a pond and apparently drowned. His heartbroken owners buried him. Later the earth heaved and Tommy climbed from his grave, fully restored to what in a tortoise passes for vigour. Experts explained that in times of acute danger, tortoises can shut down almost all their functions — even breathing — and wait till the danger has passed.

As a national force, the Conservative Party now needs to go into a kind of benign hibernation, perhaps until this time next year. It should shut down its press releases, its publicity machine, its whingeing spokesmen, its implausible apologists and its silly stunts. Accepting that a period of silence is now called for, the Tory organism should lie quietly and quite still, in the dark, hardly breathing, until the political spring.

Philip Howard

Season of mists and conferences — we need a composite

Does the made-over Michael Portillo love unmarried mothers? Do bears do their business in the woods? Once the conference season is over, we spectators can return to our normal ration of oratory per day, groaning like Périgord geese from a surfeit of hot corn. Somebody wrote to *The Times* stating that his daughter wanted to be taught Spanish rather than French at school, because more people worldwide speak Spanish. I suggest German as an alternative.

For we Britons are shockingly ignorant of German. Basil Fawlty and Willie Rushton are linguistically prejudiced against it: "German is the most extravagantly ugly language. It sounds like someone using a sick-bag on a 747." Piffle. It would be a treat to read Goethe's *Roman Elegies* and to understand Wagner in the original. Kant might make more sense in German. And in any case, the German ability to coin new words by stringing lines of old words together is economical and expresses obliquities unavailable in other languages. *Weltschmerz* equals "world pain", that is, the vague yearning and discontent with life that most of us feel on Monday morning on the Circle Line. *Bildungsroman* is a formation or "upbringing" novel about a young person growing up, such as *David Copperfield*, *Emma* or Doris Lessing's *Children of Violence*.

Those two German words are pretty well naturalised in pretentious Lit Crit English. But an introduction of the German facility of creating compound words to express complex ideas might make the conference season shorter. Instead of spending an hour last night explaining his conversion on the road from Enfield, Mr Portillo could coin a new word such as Conversion to + Caring + Compassionate + Multicultural + Swinging + Conservatism. And we would at once read his message, plus its subtext of "hey, don't forget me, no longer Mr Nasty the right-wing bogeyman and, although no longer an MP, still a candidate for the greasy pole".

Such portmanteau words enable German to express profound ambiguities such as those of Mr Portillo more precisely than any other language. It invents them all the time. For example, when a German meets a member of the opposite sex at a dimly lit, drunken and smoke-shrouded conference party, makes a date to meet again, and then discovers in broad daylight that the party of the second part is hideous and an embarrassment to be seen with in public, there is a word for her/his emotions. It is *Naktplatzzurückschrecken*: naked + plaza + cringing.

And here is the sighting of another new compound word. A macho German apparently feels manly pride when his former girlfriend becomes a lesbian. This cannot be a universal experience, even in Germany. Nevertheless, German has invented a word to describe this uncommon emotion: *Lesbischmetamorphosestolz* = lesbian + metamorphosis + pride. A folksong with that title (which sounds difficult to get one's tongue round in tune) is reported, with steins of beer banged on the table at the end of the chorus. *Kuchenmannvorsicht*, cake + man + wariness, is the sneaking suspicion that the handsome young man in the café is more interested in the male waiter than he is in his female date.

What a magnificently flexible tongue to wrap itself round such rare neuroses. And how it would prune the verbosities of conference rhetoric. We could coin a composite noun to save the breath of Eurobotherers of all shades along the lines of Foreseeable + Future + Fence-sitting + Until + Ecu + Enters Fundament. Lord Tebbit shall have his guttural composite of Rivers of Balkanisation + Multiculturalism + Sodomite Marriage. And for Tony Blair we will coin an all-purpose conference word made up of New + Modern + Education + Giving + Power of Positive Thinking. Once each has uttered his portmantra, we can switch off and turn to more interesting business.

And then, if we are suffering badly from *Parteitagmüdigkeit* (party + conference + weariness), we shall invite the shade of Georg Christoph Lichtenberg, that sardonic German wit, to come and unravel these composite words for us. And he will show us, as we always suspected, that these monstrous towers of conference oratory are erected on foundations of hot air and painted smoke.

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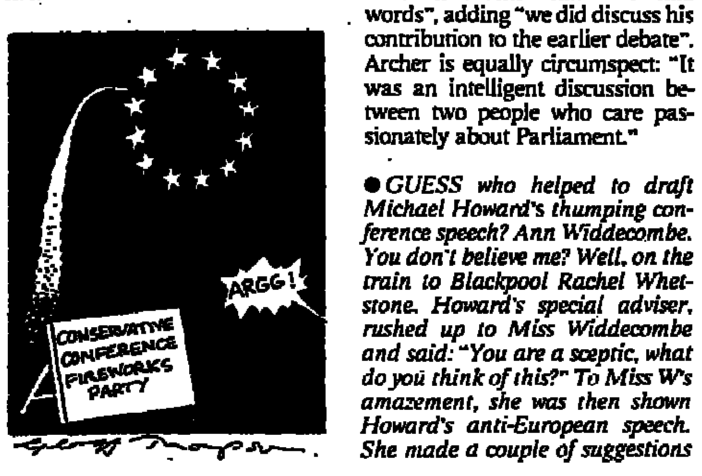
Bit of a do

IT was an astonishing spat. Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare and Sir Archibald Hamilton took their row about party reform to a real party. Over champagne they traded increasingly blunt opinions. According to several witnesses, an expletive and another fruity insult best not repeated here were uttered. Their conference duel was lively enough. Sir Archie had been jeered for his rather complacent opposition to democratising the Conservatives. Archer, the darling of the conference, had told troublesome sorts to "shove off and join another party".

So when the novelist and the chairman of the 1922 Committee met at an ITN party attended by half the former Cabinet at the Imperial Hotel, a lively discussion was inevitable. "They were like two musting elephants," says one observer, spluttering on a vol-au-vent. "It was a furious exchange. I thought it might come to blows."

Having slept on the affair, the two Tories were diplomatic. Hamilton maintains that "we had words", adding "we did discuss his contribution to the earlier debate". Archer is equally circumspect: "It was an intelligent discussion between two people who care passionately about Parliament."



● *GUESS who helped to draft Michael Howard's thumping conference speech? Ann Widdecombe. You don't believe me? Well, on the train to Blackpool Rachel Whetstone, Howard's special adviser, rushed up to Miss Widdecombe and said: "You are a sceptic, what do you think of this?" To Miss W's amazement, she was then shown Howard's anti-European speech. She made a couple of suggestions — which Howard used, perhaps unknowingly, to great effect.*

Seating plan

PITY, if you can, Lord Parkinson. Both Baroness Thatcher and Sir Edward Heath wanted to sit on the platform yesterday. But where could Cecil place them? If one sat nearer the leader, it might look like favouritism. And he could hardly have them next to each other (neither is strong on small talk).

Understandably, Parkinson was not minded to ask Lady T to give way. So instead he spoke to Sir Edward. It was suggested that were he to appear at the same time as his old rival, there was a danger that Thatcher might receive a, well, warmer reception. And this would hardly be very edifying.

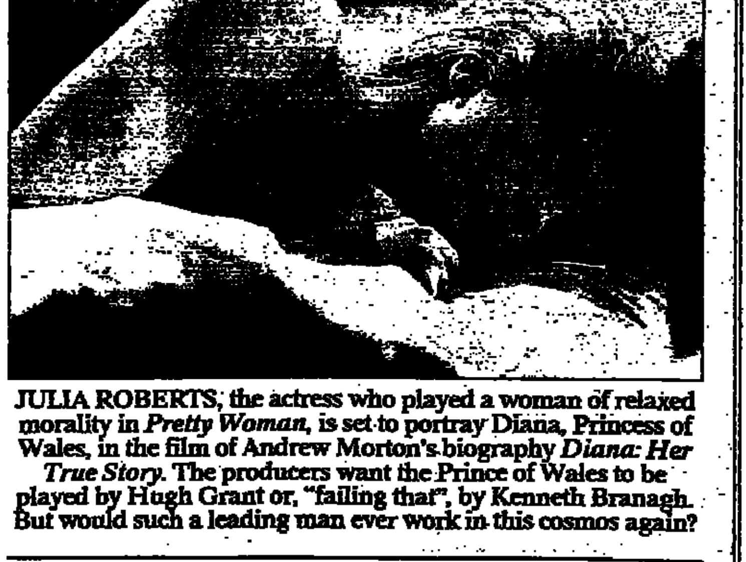
Eventually a deal was made. Thatcher would sit on the platform early but would leave fairly sharpish. Then Heath would arrive in time for a debate on constitutional matters (lucky chap).

But Parkinson forgot an old rule: never work with former Prime Ministers. With Thatcher still on the platform, Heath wandered on, looked around and shuffled off to sit in a VIP box. Over lunch at the Imperial, I asked Sir Edward if he had ignored orders from central casting. "Oh," he said, a rare smile creasing his stony face. "I wouldn't want to avoid her."

Call order

FURTHER to my note about Gordon Brown nipping over to Rome to take in the football match there: police will not allow anything into the ground that could be used as a weapon. Problem: our Chancellor likes to remain in constant contact (with the markets, and of course with his spin-doctors), so he is keen to keep his mobile phone. In the parlance of the diplomat, soundings are being taken . . .

● *MEL GIBSON'S search for a home continues. Iain Sproat is not selling his delightful country house. Says a local: "We are delighted Iain is staying. This Australian would be too frightful."*



JULIA ROBERTS, the actress who played a woman of relaxed morality in *Pretty Woman*, is set to portray Diana, Princess of Wales, in the film of Andrew Morton's biography *Diana: Her True Story*. The producers want the Prince of Wales to be played by Hugh Grant or, "failing that", by Kenneth Branagh. But would such a leading man ever work in this cosmos again?

● WHY do public figures always give such cringe-making interviews to their old varsity rags? Michael Meacher, Environment Minister, has clearly found distraction from Labour plans to concrete over the remainder of the countryside. He is turning his tortured mind to philosophy and plans to write a book on "the human condition". He tells Oxford's *New College News*: "The only real question is: 'What is the meaning of life?' Why are we here? We live in a single, indivisible Universe and all the dimensions must ultimately fit together."

Most of us gave up wrestling with such problems when we graduated, Mr Meacher.

JASPER GERARD

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TOLERANCE AND TORIES

Burke and Disraeli guide Hague and Portillo

The Tory party is undergoing a transformation as much generational as ideological. The evolution of a more sceptical position on Europe and the adoption of a more inclusive tone on social policy could be construed as simultaneous feints to right and left. The policy changes are, however, better seen as the coming into their inheritance of Thatcher's children. William Hague has planted his standard on libertarian ground since coming to office and Michael Portillo's speech to the Centre for Policy Studies last night was also clearly in that territory.

Margaret Thatcher's premiership was the decisive political influence on the Conservatives of Mr Hague and Mr Portillo's generation who are now shaping the party's strategy. From her example they derive their faith in free markets and nations, but their attitudes towards individual freedom in the social sphere have as much to do with growing up after the sexual revolution of the Sixties as with playing a part in the Thatcherite revolution of the Eighties. The refinement of the Conservative position may unsettle reactionaries but it should not be seen as inconsistent with Tory tradition.

Mr Portillo's ejection from Parliament in May has given him more time to read and reflect than many of his colleagues who survived and have had to shoulder the burden of daily Opposition. That period of reflection has prompted humility in one thought haughty. Mr Portillo is honest enough to concede that he has made many mistakes in his own career. He is unsparing in his criticism of the parliamentary party and his analysis of the consequences of division has a touch of *mea culpa* as well as of victim's testimony. It is a gracious touch. Much as Sir Keith Joseph's admission of past Tory errors in the Seventies helped to blaze a trail for Mrs Thatcher, so Mr Portillo's words should make it easier for Mr Hague to make the changes he needs to his party.

Mr Portillo's address on the ghost of *Toryism past and the spirit of Conservatism* future owes much to two particular Tory heroes — Edmund Burke and Benjamin Disraeli. Mr Portillo has written about both men over this summer and seems to have absorbed *appropriate lessons for his party* from their careers. Disraeli, having first steadied his party after the upheaval of the Corn Laws repeal by providing cavalier leadership, then deftly harnessed changing social circumstances to leave progressives looking priggish and out-of-touch. Mr Portillo's proposals on employment law, regulation, the family and the devolution of decsion-making all show a keen eye for how mutable Middle England now is. For Disraeli, the newly enfranchised working classes were "angels in marble". For the Tories today, an increasingly liberated and aspirational generation could be carved into a new Conservative constituency.

Edmund Burke's example is, if anything, more apposite. The household god of British Conservatism was, of course, Irish and never a Tory but his influence on Tory philosophy has been more durable than any other politician. Burke was an economic liberal close to Adam Smith in his thinking and a constitutional conservative who looked with horror at the development on the Continent of political experiments which owed more to abstract idealism than inherited wisdom. He was also, however, an advocate of toleration and compassion ahead of his time. In arguing that the Conservative party is now "as capable as any other of comprehending the diversity of human nature", Mr Portillo is placing himself and his Party in the Burkean tradition. The former Defence Secretary is not a prisoner of political correctness; he recognises that children are best brought up "in stable family arrangements with two parents". But the balance of his address marks a decisive, and welcome, move towards a more tolerant Tory party.

OFF THE MARK

In EMU every country will have the wrong interest rates

The Bundesbank's decision yesterday to raise German interest rates for the first time in five years sparked a concerted move to higher rates across much of the continent of Europe. In the process it gave a foretaste of how European economics could work two or three years from now. The glimpse of the future will be a chilling one for countries which have chosen to join the single currency. But for Britain, as long as it remains aloof, it provides nothing but cheer.

Proponents of European monetary union rely on one argument which, they believe, trumps all others. Britain, they say, would suffer from being outside such a powerful currency bloc. When asked to elaborate, they *find it hard to agree on what precisely would* be the symptoms of such exclusion. Some say the pound would soar, others that it would collapse. Some say that Britain would be sucked into the euro's orbit, like a moon *circling a planet. Others worry that, on the* contrary, it would fail to benefit from the euro's "stability".

What yesterday's moves towards interest rate convergence have shown, however, is *that Britain would undoubtedly be stronger* and more independent outside a single currency zone. For in order to bring European interest rates closer together in time for economic and monetary union all of *the countries of Europe will have to accept* rates that are inappropriate for their domestic economic needs.

Germany's unemployment is at a record high of 11.7 per cent and inflation is only 1.8 per cent. *If EMU were not around the* corner, a rise in German rates would therefore be quite unnecessary. France, which is suffering from 12.5 per cent unemployment and has inflation of just 1.5 per cent needs, if anything, lower rather than higher interest rates. Yesterday's increase will exacerbate its problems. Spain and Ireland, on the other hand, have been forced to reduce their interest rates and will go much further in the coming months, despite signs of economic overheating.

In Britain the monetary policy committee of the Bank of England met yesterday too. Had sterling been committed to joining the single currency, the MPC would have faced irresistible pressure to do something in response to the Bundesbank's move. Instead, the committee left rates unchanged. Britain retains a freedom to set appropriate *monetary policy that is now* denied to other European member states. The benefits have been visible in Britain's superior economic performance ever since the pound left the exchange-rate mechanism in 1992.

Since the euro's interest rates must be set to reflect the average economic conditions in Europe, economies that are less healthy than average (such as France at the moment) will be in the same position as Britain in the *dying days of the ERM. High interest rates* could strangle at birth the feeble recovery in France and perhaps even in Germany. But the prospect for healthier economies is not much better. The central interest rate will *often be set too low for a country growing* faster than its neighbours. Such a dynamic country will then be forced to tolerate high inflation or to tighten fiscal policy. This could easily happen to Britain if Tony Blair *decided to join EMU. Mr Blair would find* himself either having to raise taxes and cut public spending or fuelling high inflation. Is that really what the Prime Minister wants?

A NATION ON THE LINE

Israel now needs Likud and Labour to work together

David Levy's threat to resign yesterday was not especially novel. The Israeli Foreign Minister has spent most of his political career either aspiring to high office or contemplating leaving it. In the current circumstances it might be in Binyamin Netanyahu's best interests if Mr Levy and his Gesher Party did withdraw from his Government. That could prove the catalyst for the Prime Minister to form a national coalition administration. Israel's next Foreign Minister should be Ehud Barak, a former general and the Labour Party leader.

Mr Levy's protest was prompted by Mr Netanyahu's decision to send a hit-squad into Jordan to assassinate Khaled Meshaal, a key figure in the Hamas movement. This has proved to be an undiluted disaster. The Mossad agents concerned were *captured by* the Jordanian authorities. King Hussein, Israel's most important Arab neighbour, was understandably outraged. As a result the Prime Minister was forced swiftly to release the Hamas founder, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, and 70 other Jordanians and Palestinians from an Israeli prison. Such action does not fit well with Mr Netanyahu's stated objective *of* a war on terrorism.

The Meshaal affair has come but a few weeks after Israel lost 12 elite soldiers during a poorly planned raid in southern Lebanon. The country's once awesome reputation on military *issues has thus been* badly tarnished. No such shift could be more dangerous for the Israeli state. Hamas and Hezbollah will draw enormous encouragement from Mr Netanyahu's misfortunes. The fact that both operations were personally approved by the Prime Minister, apparently against the advice of his most senior intelligence advisers, has inevitably brought his personal competence into question. He needs to restore his standing.

Israel now faces some fundamental dilemmas. It must decide on what terms, if any, it can permit the Palestinian Authority to become an entity closer to a real country. This will involve choices that have crucial implications for its security. Israel cannot afford to make mistakes on these matters. Its leadership must seek the maximum consensus. A divided and incoherent multi-party majority — held hostage by factions of little *size* and less flexibility — is not the basis on which to enter serious negotiations.

It is Israel's unique character to be as much a cause as a country. That should permit Mr Netanyahu and Mr Barak to serve together *despite their differences.* Next year will mark the 50th anniversary of the foundation of Israel as a modern nation. It may also be the moment in which its destiny for the next 50 years is determined. Mr Netanyahu has an elected mandate to pursue peace with security. He may find it impossible to use it properly without a Likud-Labour coalition. All those with Israel's future at heart should encourage the Prime Minister and the Labour leader to reach an accommodation and an alliance.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Call for a modern law of homicide

From Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, and Professor Terence Morris

Sir, If the Prime Minister should sign up to Protocol 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights in Strasbourg this weekend, it will finally abolish the punishment of death in this country.

But, in a sense, that is an issue upon which Parliament made a decision 30 years ago and the final exclusion of treason, piracy and some offences against military law merely removes outdated anomalies. Much more important is the question of what to do *with the law of homicide. In July, in* an outstanding judgment of Lord Mustill, the House of Lords pronounced in a case on the margins between murder and manslaughter.

> One could expect a developed system to embody a law of murder clear enough to yield an unequivocal result on a given set of facts, a result which conforms with apparent justice and has a sound intellectual base. This is not so in England, where the law of homicide is permeated by anomaly, fiction, *misnomer and obsolete reasoning.*

Attempts to abolish the mandatory life sentence for murder and to provide for greater flexibility in sentencing have so far met with no success. The time has now surely come for a reforming Government to put forward proposals for a modern law of homicide that both meets the requirements of justice and accords with the social and moral realities of our time.

Yours truly,
LOUIS BLOM-COOPER,
TERENCE MORRIS
(Professor Emeritus of
Criminology and Criminal Justice,
University of London),
23 Eastgate Street,
Winchester, Hampshire.
October 4.

Tories at bay

From Mr Ian Lucas

Sir, Unlike Simon Jenkins ("Don't panic, Mr Hague", October 8), I was a Labour candidate and was hearing from voters direct why they were going to vote Labour on May 1. I regard it as a gross distortion to suggest that "boredom" with the Conservative Government was the main reason why former Tory voters made the switch to Labour.

Those people told me repeatedly that they were disgusted with the "sleaze" which they saw in the Tory party and John Major's inability to act against it. They also constantly referred to the promises made by the Tories in 1992 which were so swiftly broken.

Voters were ready to vote Labour in 1997 in a way which they would not in 1992. This was largely due to the impact made by Tony Blair and the internal reforms within the Labour Party.

That is why, here in North Shropshire, Labour achieved its best-ever result this year, eclipsing the Liberal Democrats by 8,000 votes and coming within just over 2,000 votes of winning the seat.

Yours faithfully,
IAN LUCAS
(Labour parliamentary candidate,
Shropshire North, 1997),
Aylestone, Weston Lane,
Oswestry, Shropshire.
October 8.

From Mr Robin Wendt

Sir, In asserting that "British Conservatism won the great argument of postwar Britain" by redefining the public and private sectors of the political economy, Simon Jenkins raises an *important issue but answers the question* too glibly.

Certainly the balance of public and private ownership in industry may be settled for the foreseeable future. However, in the key political area of the public utilities vital questions are unresolved, including the proper distribution of reward between consumers and shareholders and how effective public accountability is to be secured. There is a big uncompleted agenda here.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN WENDT,
28 Church Lane,
Upton-by-Chester, Chester, Cheshire.
October 9.

From Mr Neil Page

Sir, Mr Hague has told the Conservative Party to "stop apologising".

Have I missed something?

Yours faithfully,
NEIL PAGE,
The Music Department,
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Rutland LE15 9QE.
October 9.

Stuck in the post

From Mr David Soward

Sir, I am intrigued to read that the Royal Mail have "perfected the self-adhesive stamp" following "nearly four years' research" and "an extensive trial in Scotland" (report, October 7).

Why did they not simply ask the French post office, who have been using self-adhesive stamps for years?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID SOWARD,
Dunnocks,
Ellenor Drive, Alderton,
Nr Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire.
October 8.

Court closures that threaten justice

From Mr A. J. M. Baldwin

Sir, According to a recent article in *The Lawyer* (August 5, 1997) more than 160 out of nearly 550 magistrates' courts have been closed in the past ten years, partly in order to finance the additional tier of administration introduced by the Police and Magistrates' Courts Act.

These closures have *not, for the most part, occurred in areas where the* Lord Chancellor has approved combined appointments as justices' clerk/chief executive and where benches have also been able to retain their justices' clerk.

The true cost and inconvenience to the public of these closures seems not to have been assessed. Those responsible for taking a broader view might usefully explore this: they might also consider the words of Lord Justice Lloyd in 1988, in *R v Reading Crown Court ex parte Hutchinson*:

> Magistrates' courts are local courts and there is one in every town of any size in England . . . I believe this egalitarian aspect of seeking recourse to the law in a magistrates' court to be an important sign of the availability of justice for all.

Is it possible now to state there is a magistrates' court in every town of any size in England? If not, is this viewed with concern by policy-makers?

Yours faithfully,
ALAN BALDWIN (Justices' Clerk
and Chief Executive for Hounslow),
Justices' Clerk's Office,
Hanworth Road,
Feltham, Middlesex.
October 6.

Magistrates under fire

From the Chairman of the Magistrates' Association

Sir, Mr Charles Evans claims (letter, September 24) that replacing lay magistrates with stipendiaries would significantly reduce the legal aid bill because there would be fewer appeals *to the higher courts. He omitted to* mention the excellent record of lay magistrates in respect of appeals against their decisions — only 1 per cent of cases are appealed, and less than half are successful.

The strength of the lay magistracy is that justice is administered by a tribunal of three people, not by a single person being in effect judge and jury. All lay justices are unpaid volunteers, trained and from their local communities; they carry out their judicial duties effectively, efficiently and fairly, with their work complemented by stipendiaries in certain areas.

Research recently commissioned for the Lord Chancellor's Department concluded that stipendiaries did work slightly faster than lay justices, but only by a factor of 5:4, and that they were therefore unlikely to produce the savings suggested by Mr Evans. Indeed, in a speech in July this year, the Lord Chancellor himself said that in cost terms the lay magistracy offers excellent value for money.

The Magistrates' Association is working with government departments to find ways of reducing unnecessary delay, but it must be remembered that justice must not be sacrificed for the sake of speed or cost.

Yours faithfully,
ANNE R. FULLER,
Chairman,
The Magistrates' Association,
28 Fitzroy Square, W1.

From the Chief Crown Prosecutor, Anglia Area

Sir, The disparaging reference by Mr Nicholas Wood to "summary justice" (letter, October 3) will have given great offence to the thousands of lay and stipendiary justices (and, indeed, to the many other professionals) who endeavour to administer justice every day in magistrates' courts. I believe that such remarks can only distort *any sensible discussion about the trial* of criminal offences.

I am not aware of any evidence that justice is more likely to be achieved in the Crown Court than in the lower courts, or that juries provide more of a "public check" on the "excesses of the judiciary and the police" to which Mr Wood alludes than do magistrates and their clerks.

My experience is that most judges and magistrates can be quite robust when the occasion demands. In any event, we would do well to remember that many of the miscarriages of justice exposed recently have followed trials by jury.

I acknowledge the harmful impact that criminal proceedings can have on defendants and their families and, indeed, on many victims. However, magistrates hear at least 97 per cent of all criminal prosecutions and are thus experienced in handling the many sensitive issues to which they give rise.

It is also worth noting that, as far as "either-way" offences are concerned — ie, those that can be tried either by magistrates' or Crown courts — most defendants are quite happy to accept trial by the former, and that most of those who elect to be tried by jury actually plead guilty when they get to the Crown Court, thus failing to submit themselves to the judgment of their peers and obscuring the real reason for their election for trial.

I firmly believe that the contribution of the lower courts to the criminal justice system and to society as a whole is immense and that nothing is to be gained by attacking the integrity of those who work there.

Yours sincerely,
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58 Victoria Street,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.
October 7.

Morton and Red Cross

From Mr Christopher Atkins

Sir, I believe that the Red Cross are correct in being careful from whom they accept donations — in this case from Mr Andrew Morton, author of *Diana, Her True Story — in Her Own Words* (letter from Mr Ronald Thwaites, QC, October 7; see also letter, October 8).

I wonder if Mr Morton is seeking to buy our good opinion. If he felt genuinely that the donation was appropriate then he could have made it without a fanfare of publicity. He *might follow the scriptures and let not* the left hand know what the right is doing.

Mr Thwaites's argument is along the lines that since the cause is good then any means of raising money is justified. Shall we then allow criminals to buy our good opinion?

Charities rely on the public's generosity and their ethics should thus be beyond reproach.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER ATKINS,
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Petts Wood, Kent.
October 8.

Princess's funeral

From Father Gerard Quinn

Sir, As a Roman Catholic priest I was rather surprised to discover that I was in almost total agreement with the comments by the Reverend Neil Ross of the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland on the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales (report, October 7).

However, I would like to assure him that the service was not the product of "Romish superstition", because of "the way the clergy addressed not God but the deceased".

If the funeral service had been Ro*man Catholic, then it would have had* far more extensive readings from the scriptures and not just one reading and a selection of secular poetry; it would also have consisted of prayers in various forms addressed to the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit.

In Roman Catholic thinking God alone takes centre stage and cannot be replaced by any human being, not even Elton John.

Yours faithfully,
GERARD QUINN,
St Mary's Catholic Church,
279 High Road, East Finchley, N2.

London fashion

From Miss Louisa Catherine Radice

Sir, *The fashion industry might have* reason to be regarded as more than "meaningless fun" (Miss Karen Vincett's letter, October 3) if it took its responsibilities to the wider environment more seriously.

The ecological problems associated with the manufacture of clothing and textiles are many and varied: soil erosion caused by cotton cultivation; acid rain and carbon dioxide produced during the manufacture of petrochemical-derived fibres; the replacement of biodiverse forest ecosystems with single-species timber plantations for the purpose of viscose and rayon production; water pollution resulting from the bleaching and dyeing processes, and so on — to say nothing of the poor wages and conditions suffered by sweatshop workers in developing countries.

Miss Vincett is quite right in saying that "the effects of [the fashion industry] reach everyone". Isn't it high time that London's fashion designers made an effort to clean up their *act on a global scale?*

Yours etc,
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From Mrs G. Moffat

Sir, Miss Vincett has hit the nail on the head. The public certainly do need "educating to recognise that [fashion] is a serious industry".

Perhaps then we shall be able to enthuse over the examples highlighted by the media.

Imagine! One day we may encounter the likes of Naomi Campbell in a supermarket, bare breasts and all, and be able to react in an informed manner.

Sincerely,
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Wallasey, Merseyside.
October 3.

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Hard to obey the House of Bishops

From the Reverend Henry Whyte

Sir, Some 800 churches up and down the country have been invited and authorised to use the proposed new marriage and funeral services (report, October 3; letters, October 7) on an experimental basis. As part of this scheme I received the papers last week and I have been asked to complete and return the response forms by January 1, 1998.

It is hard to believe the statement in the covering letter that the Liturgical Commission and the House of Bishops are "anxious to hear feedback from use of these services".

They surely know that most parishes have few, if any, weddings in the last three months of the year. We have just one, for which the order of service has already been discussed and agreed, which means that although experimental use of the marriage service sounds very good, its substance is minimal.

There is more possibility of our using the draft funeral services, but once again the time allowed for this is all too short. The suggestion from the Liturgical Commission that "it may be a good idea to set up a small group of lay people who can monitor the use of the new material" takes little account of the realities of parish life, especially in the run-up to Christmas.

Could not the Liturgical Commission and the House of Bishops at the very least extend the period of experimental use and feedback?

I can already hear the response, that the revision timetable will not permit this. In that case it would have been far better not to have embarked on this poorly thought-out and, no doubt, costly exercise.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY WHYTE
(*Vicar*),
St Michael and All Angels,
Blackheath Park,
2 Pond Road, SE3.
October 7.

From the Very Reverend Peter Baelz

Sir, To dispel all possible doubt about the meaning of wifely "obedience", why not revert to the old Sarum use, whereby the bride promises, in the vernacular, to be "bonere and buxum [pleasing and compliant] in bed and at the board"?

Yours faithfully,
PETER BAELZ
(Dean Emeritus of Durham),
36 Brynteg,
Llandrindod Wells, Powys.
October 7.

From Dr T. Varagunam

Sir, It is only a theoretical, if not futile, exercise to dissect out "obey" from the other two emotions — love and honour. All three form an indivisible cluster in holistic eastern philosophies. One who truly loves and honours the spouse cannot but help obey.

Yours faithfully,
T. VARAGUNAM,
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Kandy, Sri Lanka.
October 7.

Green and healthy

From Dr Paul Sibly

Sir, David Prichard tells only part of the story about vegetarian propaganda at Wycliffe College (letter, October 7). In their zeal for this cause my forebears, who founded and ran the college for over sixty years, made sure their favoured non-carnivorous athletes had a head start by providing them with far superior food. They may have been fat, but they were certainly fast.

Might I suggest that if Mr Prichard wants his vegetarian scholars back he should offer them the crude but effective carrot of large helpings of their favoured rations?

Yours sincerely,
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(Deputy Headmaster),
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October 8.

Into thin air

From Mr Roderick Chamberlain

Sir, Earlier this year my wife gave me a new suitbag. This inoffensive object has now contrived to be lost by the airlines on every single one of its first three trips abroad, achieving a remarkable 100 per cent failure rate in *its brief life. I wonder if this is a* record.

Yours faithfully,
RODERICK CHAMBERLAIN,
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Highclere, Newbury, Berkshire.
October 6.

Drink and health

From Dr R. G. Rawling

Sir, The problem Mr Gerald Vinestock (letter, October 3) has of achieving a balanced diet is easily solved — a bottle in each hand should suffice.

Yours faithfully,
R. G. RAWLING,
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Maxwell Road, Ben Rhyding,
Ilkley, West Yorkshire.
October 4.

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COURT CIRCULAR

GOVERNOR'S HOUSE, LAHORE

October 9: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this morning left Islamabad and flew to Karachi.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received at Karachi Airport by the Governor of Sindh (Lieutenant General Moin Uddin Haider).

Th Queen later attended a Luncheon given by the Governor at the Governor's House, Karachi.

Her Majesty this afternoon opened a Trade Exhibition at the Pearl Continental Hotel, toured the stands at the exhibition and met the Deputy High Commission staff and families.

The Queen later laid a Wreath at Jinnah's Tomb.

The Duke of Edinburgh visited the ICI Plant, Karachi.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness this afternoon left Karachi and flew to Lahore.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were received at the Airport by the Governor of Punjab (Shahid Hamid).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness this evening attended a Dinner given by the Prime Minister (Mian Mohammed Nawaz Sharif) at Lahore Fort.

The Princess Royal, on behalf of The Queen, held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 9: The Prince Edward, President, this evening held at Reception for the National Youth Music Theatre at Buckingham Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 9: The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this afternoon attended a Career and Workwear Show by Company Clothing/Clothing World at the Business Design Centre, Islington, London N1.

Her Royal Highness, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, afterwards opened the Stakis London Islington Hotel, Upper Street, Islington, London N1.

The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, this evening attended the British Nautical Awards at the Café Royal, Regent Street, London W1.

KENSINGTON PALACE

October 9: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon today visited *HMS Norfolk* at Devonport.

Her Royal Highness, President, the Birminham Royal Ballet, this evening attended the British Première of *Edward II* at the Birmingham Hippodrome and was received by Mr J.D. Saville (Deputy Lieutenant of West Midlands).

KENSINGTON PALACE

October 9: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Air Chief Commandant, Women, Royal Air Force, this afternoon received Air Commodore Cynthia Fowler.

The Duke and Duchess of Glouceser today visited Greater Manchester and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Colonel John Timmins).

The Duke of Gloucester this morning visited the Museum of Science and Industry.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon viewed the redevelopment of the Castle Basin area, Castlefield.

The Duke of Gloucester later visited Manchester Business Link, Manchester City Centre.

The Duchess of Gloucester this morning visited the Beechwood Cancer Care Centre, Stockport.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened the Phase I Redevelopment at Trafford General Hospital.

The Duchess of Gloucester, President, later visited the Princess Christian College, Fallowfield, Greater Manchester.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK

October 9: Princess Alexandra this morning opened the new playground of Alexandra Infant School to mark the Twenty Fifth Anniversary of the School at Alexandra Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.

Her Royal Highness, accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening attended the first C. Douglas Dillon Annual Lecture on European-American Relations and a Dinner at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, St James's Square, London SW1.

Royal engagement

The Duke of York, patron, will attend the Blackheath Golf Club annual dinner at the Royal Artillery Mess, Woolwich, London *SE18, at 7.15.*

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jacobus Arminius, theologian, Oudewater, The Netherlands, 1560; Jean-Antoine Watteau, painter, Valenciennes, France, 1684; Henry Cavendish, chemist and physicist, Nice, 1731; Benjamin West, President of the Royal Academy 1792-1820, Springfield, Pennsylvania, 1738; John Abercrombie, physician, Aberdeen, 1780; Hugh Miller, geologist, Cromarty, 1802; Giuseppe Verdi, composer, Parma, Italy, 1813; Sir John Simon, pathologist and sanitary reformer, London, 1816; Paul Kruger, President of the South African Republic 1883-1902, Colesberg, Cape Colony, 1825; Rufus Isaacs, 1st Marquess of Reading, Lord Chief Justice 1913-21, Viceroy of India 1921-26, London, 1860; Fridtjof Nansen, Arctic explorer, statesman, Nobel Peace laureate 1922, Store-Frøen, Norway, 1861; Alberto Giacometti, painter and sculptor, Stampa, Switzerland, 1901.

DEATHS: Fra Filippo Lippi, painter, Spoleto, Italy, 1469; William Wilkie, "the Scottish Homer", 1772; Henry Brooke, novelist, Dublin, 1783; François Marie Charles Fourier, socialist writer, Paris, 1837; Edouard Daladier, Premier of France 1933-34 and 1938-40, Paris, 1970; Sir Ralph Richardson, actor, London, 1983; Yul Brynner, actor, New York, 1985.

Mrs Emmeline Pankhurst, British suffragette, formed the Women's *Social and Political Union* in Manchester to fight for female emancipation, 1903.

A German bomb destroyed the high altar of St Paul's Cathedral, London, 1940.

The Fiji Islands were proclaimed independent, 1970.

Church news

Dean of Truro

The Rev Michael Anthony **Moxon**, Canon of St George's Chapel, Windsor, and Chaplain to the Queen, has is to be the next Dean of Truro Cathedral. He will succeed the Very Rev David John **Shearlock**, who is to resign on December 31.

Other appointments

The Rev Cedric Blakey, Vicar, Heanor St Lawrence, and Rural Dean of Heanor (Derby): to be Chaplain to the Bishop of Derby.

The Rev Brian Branche, Vicar, New Eltham All Saints (Southwark): to be Vicar, Barkingside *Holy* Trinity (Chelmsford).

The Rev Lawrence Carson-Featham, formerly Vicar, Ashton St James (Manchester): to be Assistant Curate, Leeds St John and St Barnabas, Belle Isle (Ripon).

The Rev Derek Chedzey, Curate, Haddenham w Cuddington, Kingsey and Aston Sandford (Oxford): to be Team Vicar, High Wycombe Team with special responsibility for Booker St Birinus (same diocese).

The Rev Barry Collins, Governor, HM Prison Bullingdon (Oxford): to be Priest-in-Charge, Bengeworth (Worcester).

The Rev Stephen Connor, Team Vicar, The Langport Area Churches (Bath & Wells): to be Vicar, Withycombe Raleigh Team (Exeter).

The Rev Colin Crumpton, Edensor (Lichfield): to be Vicar, Llanrhaedar-ym-Mochnant, (St Asaph).

Retirements and resignations

The Rev John Butler, Rector, Woolstone w Gotherington and Oxenton and Kemerton (Gloucester) to retire October 11.

The Rev James Knights, Vicar, Dudley St John (Worcester) retired October 5.

Birthdays today

Sir John Cassels, former director-general, NEDO, 69; Mr Winston S. Churchill, 57; Mr Charles Dance, actor, 51; Mr Ted Edgar, showjumper, 62; *the Right Rev A.I.M.* Haggart, former Bishop of Edinburgh, 82; Sir Peter Kemp, civil servant, 63; Lord Kincraig, 79; Professor J.B. Large, Professor of Applied Acoustics, Southampton University, 67; Mr Daniel Massey, actor, 64; Mr Nicholas Parsons, broadcaster, 69; Mr Harold Pinter, playwright, 67; Dr Brian Smith, Vice-Chancellor, University of Wales, Cardiff, 64; the Earl of Stockton, 54; Mr Chris Tarrant, broadcaster, 51; Mr Frank H. Taylor, former MP, 90; Sir Richard Thornton, Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, 75; Mr Midge Ure, rock singer, 44; Mr Ben Vereen, actor, 51; Mr Willard White, singer and actor, 51.

Receptions

Viscount Younger of Leckie, KT

Viscount Younger of Leckie, KT, President of the Atlantic Council of the United Kingdom, was the host and welcomed the guests at a reception held last night at the House of Lords. Baroness Ramsay of Cartvale, chair of the council, also spoke.

**Messrs Vizards and
The University of Westminster**

The Partners of Vizards and Dr Geoffrey Copland, Vice-Chancellor and Rector of the University of Westminster, were the hosts at a Reception last evening at The Law Society, after an address delivered by Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, entitled "The Effect of the Woolf Reforms upon Defendants and Insurers".

Service dinners

RN Regulating branch

Rear-Admiral P.M. Franklyn, Flag Officer Surface Flotilla, was the guest of honour at the annual officers' dinner of the Royal Naval Regulating branch held last night in *HMS Excellent*, Portsmouth. Commander J. Beardall, RN, Provost Marshal (Navy), presided.

The King's Royal Rifle Corps

General Sir Roland Guy presided at the annual dinner of the Celer et Audax Club held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

CLI Dining Club

Colonel G.T. Spate, Chairman of the CLI Dining Club, presided at a dinner of former officers of 151 (Greater London) Support Regiment RLC (V) held last night at Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn. Lieutenant-Colonel Desmond Norton, Commanding Officer, was the guest of honour.

Dinner

Upholders' Company

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the Upholders' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr Peter Allocca, Master, presided, assisted by *Mr Roy Alan Wood*, Senior Warden, and Mr Clive Brian Roffe, Junior Warden.

Baron Davies of Oldham

The life barony conferred upon Mr Bryan Davies has been gazetted by the name, style and title of **Baron Davies of Oldham**, of Broxbourne in the County of Hertfordshire.

Baroness Pitkeathley

The life barony conferred upon Mrs Jill Elizabeth Pitkeathley has been gazetted by the name, style and title of **Baroness Pitkeathley**, of Caversham in the Royal County of Berkshire.

Spectacle Makers' Company

The following have been elected officers for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr Peter Crockford Mills; Upper Warden, Mr Frank Goodwin Norville; Renter Warden, Mr Anthony Hugh Chignell.

MARTIN BEDDALL

Liz McCudden beneath *Kichka's Breakfast, I*, by Daniel Spoerri, at an exhibition entitled *Objects of desire: the modern still life*, at the Hayward Gallery in London. The exhibition, which is sponsored by BMW in association with *The Times*, presents more than 100 of the century's most significant sculptures and paintings by 63 artists from public and private collections. Public inquiries: 0171-928 3144

Archaeology

Walled city 'pushes back birth of urban civilisation by centuries'

BY NORMAN HAMMOND
ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

URBAN civilisation may have begun earlier and elsewhere than has hitherto been believed. Recent excavations in northeastern Syria indicate that a walled city existed at Tell Brak by 3800 BC, several centuries older than the first such towns in Mesopotamia, and that a precursor of writing was present by 3500 BC.

Tell Brak lies on the Khabur River, almost midway between the upper reaches of the Tigris and Euphrates and close to the uplands of Armenia. A strategic pass gives access to copper sources to the north, and the city developed where Mesopotamia and Anatolia were linked.

The site was originally studied in 1937-39 by Sir Max Mallowan, whose wife, Dame Agatha Christie, wrote an entertaining book, *Come tell me how you live*, about life on a dig. The 108-acre *tell*, built up over many centuries of occupation, includes the famous Eye Temple of 3000 BC found by Mallowan, which yielded hundreds of idols with outsized eyes.

The present excavators, Professor David Oates and Dr Joan Oates, of the McDonald Institute at Cambridge University, have already uncovered an Akkadian fortress of the ruler Naram-Sin of around 2400 BC and a Mitannian palace of some eight centuries later. Their current work, carried out this spring, has shown that sophisticated architecture was present much earlier. The most surprising discovery, they report, was of a city gate flanked by "massive casemate walls". Such walls have internal chambers and usually embrasures for defence; and are a standard feature of later military architecture.

The inner wall at Tell Brak is 6ft thick, built of large mud bricks and plastered. The outer wall stops short, creating an open court in front of the gate. The gate itself is wide enough to take a chariot, and has a massive 6ft long basalt threshold stone. Against its inner face the builders had placed an equally massive basalt slab with the socket for the lower end of the door pivot. The door seems to have been a single leaf, opening inwards, and the entire construction is dated to around 3800 BC.

Although Dr Geoffrey Emberling, who will direct excavations next year, would like to trace the walls further, the overburden of later construction and debris makes this difficult, although evidence may be exposed in a natural erosion channel a few yards away. The walls and gate were terraced into the side of the pre-existing mound, converting it into a citadel.

A later set of walls overlay the first, still using the same gate, and similar structures have been detected several hundred yards away, indicating that the fortifications were extensive. Casemate walls have also been found at Tell Ziyade, further south on the Khabur, by Professor Frank Hole of Yale University, showing that Tell Brak is not unique in the region and period. Later, the massive defences went out of use and were built over. As the city expanded, it prospered: gold and ivory imports date to the Middle Uruk period in the late third millennium BC. By 3500 BC, the people of Brak were numerate, and excavators have found early pictographic dockets in which an animal representation is accompanied by a number. Pottery vessels have marks which seem to indicate ownership or contents.

This is "unique evidence not only that the widespread accounting system attested more widely in Late Uruk times had its origins *some centuries before, but that* these developments are well-represented on indigenous northern sites", Professor and Dr Oates say.

Even more important in a wider context of the emergence of civilisation in the Middle East is the fact that this material is significantly earlier than the early written tablets from Warka (or Uruk), "the greatest of early cities, distinguished not only by unique and extraordinarily impressive public buildings and their contents, but by the earliest manifestation of writing, that supposed hallmark of the civilised", the report says.

The problem is little is known of the emergence of Uruk, which seems to have developed rapidly towards 3000 BC. Tell Brak has the fourth-millennium deposits not found in Sumer. While further digging "may *sustain the belief* that we must look to South Mesopotamia for the world's first cities, an increasing body of data from North Mesopotamia points to an apparently earlier and seemingly independent urban development".

Source: Cambridge Archaeological Journal 7: 273-308.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr J.L. Cohen
and Miss V.J. Hipps**

The engagement is announced between Jeremy Leonard, son of Mr and Mrs Michael S. Cohen, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul A. Hipps.

**Mr J.N.B. Cook
and Mrs M.A. McCulloch**

The engagement is announced between James, only son of Mrs Jean Cook and the late Mr Ernest Cook, of Merstham, Surrey, and Marcia McCulloch, of New Abbey, Dumfries, daughter of Mrs Lois Priestley and the late Captain A.V. Priestley.

**Mr M.R. Davenport
and Miss V.C. Abbott**

The engagement is announced between Martin Rupert, youngest son of the late Keith Davenport and of Mrs Catherine Davenport, of Dorking, Surrey, and Victoria Charlotte, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Daniel Abbott, of Henfield, West Sussex.

**Mr R.J. Finlay
and Miss E.M.A. Clayson**

The engagement is announced between *Rodger, only son of* Mr and Mrs Robert Finlay, of Dunedin, New Zealand, and Emily, only daughter of Air Commodore and Mrs John Clayson, of Reigate, Surrey.

**Mr G.R. Hussey
and Miss L.J. Knott**

The engagement is announced between Giles, son of Mr and Mrs David Hussey, of Nayland, Suffolk, and Lindsay-Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Knott, of "Glen Muir", Fort Beaufort, Eastern Cape, South Africa.

**Mr G.J. McMahon
and Miss S.J. Lawes**

The engagement is announced between Gregory, elder son of Mr and Mrs T. McMahon, of Oldham, Lancashire, and Sophie, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs C. Lawes, of Derbyshire.

**Mr D.S. Phelps
and Miss D.N.N. Adlington**

The engagement is announced between David Simon Phelps, of Parsons Green, London, and Danielle, daughter of the late Mr Nicholas Adlington and of Mrs Adlington, of Fulham, London.

**Mr G.P. Steele
and Miss C.M.J. Powles**

The engagement is announced between Graham Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Steele, of Billericay, Essex, and Clare Mary Jane, elder daughter of the late Mr Frank Powles and of Mrs Powles, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

**Mr M. Taylor
and Miss J. Creamer**

The engagement is announced between Matthew, eldest son of Dr and Mrs J.B. Taylor, of Geneva, Switzerland, and Jennifer, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.F. Creamer, of Limerick, Ireland.

Marriages

**Mr P. Henry
and Miss T. Germing**

The marriage took place on Saturday, September 27, at St Osmund's Roman Catholic Church, Barnes, of Mr Paul Henry, son of Mr and Mrs Miles Henry, of Newbury, Berkshire, to Miss Tara Germing, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerry Germing, of Barnes, London.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Emily Philips and Gala de Zulueta, her niece.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents and the honeymoon is being spent in Portugal.

**Mr I.A. Taylor
and Miss L.Q. Wong**

The marriage took place on Saturday, October 4, 1997, at Chelsea Old Town Hall, between Mr Iain Alasdair Taylor, elder son of the late Mr Alasdair Taylor and of Mrs Mhairi G. Taylor, of Richmond, Surrey, and Miss Li Qun Wong, younger daughter of the late Mr Cheng Fuk Wong and of Mrs Fung Ying Wong, of Banbury, Oxfordshire.

The bride was attended by Miss Rachel Thomas. Dr Alasdair Ruairidh Taylor was best man.

The honeymoon is being spent in Kenya.

Legal appointment

Mr Ian **Penman** has been reappointed to the Council on Tribunals and to its Scottish committee.

Memorial service

Captain Dick Ker

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Captain David John Richard (Dick) Ker was held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks. The Rev Leslie Bryan, Chaplain to the Household Division, officiated.

Mr Christopher Loyd read *Do not stand at my grave and weep* by an American Indian, and Humphrey Ker, grandson, read from the works of Minnie Louise Haskins. Mr Victor Hoare gave an address. Among others present were:

Mrs Ker (widow), Mr and Mrs David Ker (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Yoni Cohen (son-in-law and daughter), Miss Camilla Ker (daughter), Miss Clare Ker (granddaughter), Mr Jeremy Porter (brother-in-law), Sir Fitzwilliam Barrington, Anne Lady Ramsden, Mr and Mrs John Pollock, Lord and Lady Holderness, Captain and Mrs Charles Toller, Mrs Bill Pirie, the Earl and Countess of Suffolk and Berkshire, Mrs Simon Ward, Lord and Lady Kimball, Mr and Mrs Patrick Crosthwaite.

The Duke of Devonshire, KG, the Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe, the Marquess and Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair, the Earl of Westmorland, Catherine Countess of Clanwilliam, Earl and Countess De La Warr, the Earl and Countess of Arran, Lady Charles Spencer-Churchill, Viscount and Viscountess Ullswater, Viscount and Viscountess Daventry, Viscount and Viscountess Astor, Viscountess Allendale, Lord and Lady Desmond Chichester, Lord Suffield, Lord Buckhurst, Lord and Lady Herschell, Lord and Lady Westbury, Lady Margaret Fortescue, Lady Elizabeth Baxendale, the Hon Peter Dixon, the Hon Jeremy Soames, the Hon Nicholas Soames, MP, the Hon Martin and Mrs Browne, the Hon Mrs Dickinson, Sir Thomas and Lady Pilkington, Lady (David) Hallifax.

Mrs Guy Knight, Mrs Victor Hoare, Mr and Mrs Dickie Gaskell, Mr and Mrs Thomas Fellowes, Mr Geoffrey van Cutsem, Major-General and Mrs Robin Brockbank, Mr John Ambler, Mr and Mrs Andrew Brundenell-Bruce, Mr Tom Egerton, Mr and Mrs Arthur Budgett, Miss Mary Gordon-Watson, Miss Lavinia Baird, Major H Porter, Mr William van Straubenzee.

Mr Angus McCall (Irish Guards), Judge Hubert Dunn, QC, (Women Caring Trust for the Children of Northern Ireland), Mr R U Gaskell (Tattersalls Committee), Mr E McMillen (North Downs Harriers), Major E M Crofton (representing the Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding Coldstream Guards) and many other friends and former colleagues.

Latest wills

Lady (Ines) Burrows, of East Dean, West Sussex, left estate valued at £601,988 net.

Lady Corbet, of Acton Reynald, Shrewsbury, left estate valued at £243,135 net.

Philippa Louisa Adams, of London W12, left estate valued at £3,058,028 net.

She left £2,000 to the White Eagle Lodge, New Lands, Rake Liss, Hampshire plus her residuary estate to the PDSA.

John Cyril Wallwork, of Abersoch, Pwllheli, North Wales, left estate valued at £3,918,164 net.

Pamela Margaret Foster, of Pulborough, West Sussex, left estate valued at £2,456,164 net.

Stanley Herbert West, of Newton Bromswold, Rushden, Northamptonshire, left estate valued at £2,387,700 net.

Katharine Anne Dunbar, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £3,108,458 net.

She left £500 to St Jude's church, Hartwith.

Muriel Edith Lee, of Wokingham, Berkshire, left estate valued at £1,018,881 net.

She left shares in her residuary estate to the Donkey Sanctuary, Sidmouth, the RSPCA, The RSPB, the RNLI, the Sue Ryder Foundation, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, the National Trust, Marie Curie Cancer Care, St Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital Trust, the Jerry Green Foundation Trust, Wilberforce Home for Multiple Handicapped Blind and Aid for the Aged in Distress.

Alexandra Peddle, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire, left estate valued at £1,297,845 net.

Lieutenant-Colonel Harold Eldon Scott, of Kingston, Corfe Castle, Dorset, left estate valued at £1,078,560 net.

Patrick Fitzgerald Longford, of *Leicester*, left estate valued at £1,289,436 net.

He left £4,000 to Trinity College, Dublin, and £1,000 to the Parish of All Saints, Wigston Magna, Leicestershire.

Marjorie Crane, of Lymington, Hampshire, left estate valued at £1,099,717 net.

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BIRTHS

BARRELL - On October 4th 1997, to Amanda (née Fearnley) and Julian, a son, George Edward Rivers, a brother for William.

BOTTERILL - On October 3rd 1997, to Janice (née Woodward) and Gary, a son, Jacob William.

COVELL - On 6th October, to James and Olivia (née Talbot), a son, a brother for Rupert and Arabella.

GARRETT - On October 5th, in Australia, to Emma (née Le Brocq) and Rich, a daughter, India Matilda Brayn.

LEE - On October 4th at The Portland Hospital, to Julie (née Logan) and Brian, a daughter, Annabelle May.

MANTA - On October 3rd at The Portland Hospital, to Jennifer (née Bechholtz) and John, a son, Mark Robert.

PATERSON - On October 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Sarah (Cawthra) and Quentin, a son, Noah, a brother for Tabitha.

ROOSMANS - On October 5th at The Portland Hospital, to Carola and Eelco, a son, Tommy Pieter.

THAIN - To Eleanor (née Graham) and Philip, a beautiful son, William James David, on 7th October 1997.

DEATHS

BRODRIBB - Conant on Tuesday October 7th 1997, in Oxford, after a long illness. Husband of Alison and father of Catriona. Funeral Service in the St John's Chapel, Oxford Crematorium, on Tuesday October 14th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to either The British Lung Foundation or World Wide Fund for Nature, may be sent to Reeves & Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford, OX1 4TE.

CAMPBELL - Commander Loudoun Campbell, Royal Navy, suddenly on 3rd October 1997, after many years of ill-health, borne with great courage. Adored husband of Joan and dearly loved brother-in-law, uncle and great-uncle. He requested a private family funeral which has taken place. No letters please. Donations, if wished, to King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, West Sussex.

CLEARY - John Martin, dearly loved husband of Clare, died suddenly but peacefully on October 7th at home. Sadly missed by his wife, sons John, Peter, James, Philip and grandchildren. Requiem at St Mary's Cathedral, Wrexham on Monday 13th October 1997 at 12 noon. No flowers by request. Donations to The Mother Teresa Fund.

DUGDALE - Irene Constance (née Haverson) on October 6th aged 91 years. Wife of the late Right Hon. John Dugdale. Peacefully in her sleep after a long fight against cancer. Funeral at Westerleigh Crematorium, Bristol, on Saturday October 11th at 11 am.

GENT - Hubert aged 75 years peacefully at Ronkswood Hospital, Worcester, on Tuesday 7th October 1997, beloved husband of Margaret, twin brother of Fabi, father of Ann, David and Ian, grandfather of Alice and Eleanor. The funeral service will take place at Worcester Crematorium on Wednesday 15th October 1997 at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Amnesty International, Shelter or Oxfam c/o Bedwardine Funeral Service, 1 St Johns, Worcester WR2 5AE, tel: (01905) 748811.

JETTER - Paul aged 73 suddenly at home on 1st October, husband of Nicole, father of Mandy and Jennifer, grandfather of four. For many years teacher at George Green School, Isle of Dogs. Service on Tuesday 14th October at Christ Church, Manchester Road, Isle of Dogs at 11 am, followed by cremation at City of London Crematorium, Aldersbrook Road, Manor Park, E12 at 12.30 pm. If desired flowers or donations to a favourite charity. All enquiries to Francis Chappell, 5 Thomas Street, SE10, tel: (0181) 854-0289.

MARCUS - Hans Herbert, International Lawyer. Died peacefully in his sleep on 8th October after a long illness which he fought with great courage. Son of the late Alice and Otto Marcus of Hamburg, much loved husband of Josephine, father of Thomas and Robert, stepfather to Penny. Funeral at Putney Vale Cemetery, Stag Lane, SW15 3DZ at 2.15 pm on 17th October. No flowers please. Donations in lieu to be sent to Colin Dunston, Solicitor, 14 *New* Street, London EC2M 4TR, to provide a fund for refugee pupils at Rugby School.

ROWELL - Cecil Victor, on October 7th, at Gavin Astor House, Aylesford. Dearly loved father of Geoffrey and Derek, and grandfather of Katie and David. Requiem and Funeral at St Laurence Church, Upminster, Essex, on Thursday, October 16th at 11 am. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to Gavin Astor House or RNIB Talking Books service.

RYALL - On October 8th David, beloved husband to Jackie, died suddenly but peacefully. Very much loved by his family and friends and will be sadly missed. Funeral Service on 16th October at St Giles Church, Kingston, 12.15. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to Great Ormond Street c/o C W Lyons & Son, St Gregory's, Military Road, Canterbury.

TROTMAN - On October 9th 1997, Arthur George, of Wargrave, Berks. Funeral at St Andrew's Church, Sonning on Wednesday October 15th at 11.30 am. Enquiries to A.B. Walker & Son Ltd., tel: 0118 9573650.

WEBBER - Celia died peacefully on October 6th at Dunoran Home, Bromley, after a bravely fought illness. Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday 15th October at Eltham Crematorium at 11.15 am. Donations to Dunoran Home for Multiple Sclerosis c/o Francis Chappell & Sons, 231 High Street, Bromley, tel: (0181) 460-1720.

WHITCOMBE - Betty. Having battled long and bravely died peacefully at Huntington House Nursing Home Hindhead on Tuesday 7th October 1997. Beloved wife of her late husband "Eggs" and much loved mother of Hugh and Susan Jane, loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Will be very sadly missed by all her family, relations and friends. Funeral Service will be held at Guildford Crematorium, Compton, near Godalming, Surrey at 2.30pm Wednesday October 15th 1997. Donations, as an alternative to flowers may be sent to St John Ophthalmic Hospital Jerusalem, 1 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 7EF.

YOUNG - W.M. (Bill) O.B.E. on October 7th *1997* in Leicester. A dearly loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Former President of the Newspaper Society and Director of Reuters. Funeral Service and cremation at *Leicester* Crematorium on Tuesday 14th October at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Cancer Research (to whom cheques should be payable) c/o Ginns and Gutteridge Funeral Directors of Leicester, tel: (0116) 2516117.

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JOHN MERRICKS

Merricks, left, and Ian Walker during the 470s class at the Brut British Olympic sailing trials at Weymouth, 1995

John Merricks, yachtsman, died in Punta Ala, Italy, following a car crash on October 8 aged 26. He was born in Leicester on February 16, 1971.

John Merricks, who was killed while attending the Melges 24 European Championships at Punta Ala, was one of the most talented racing yachtsmen of his generation. Although he matured in sailing terms relatively late in his short life, he had already amassed a string of successes at the highest international level, helming both dinghies and keelboats. Among the peaks was a silver medal in the 470 class at the Olympic Games in Savannah, Georgia, last year, and victory in the Mumm 36 class in the Admiral's Cup this summer.

In partnership with Ian Walker, Merricks dominated the highly competitive 470 class throughout the run-up to the Olympics and was the hot favourite for a gold medal. After a difficult series the pair managed to grind out a well-earned silver.

After that he and Walker made their first moves into keelboat racing, opening their account with a second place in both the Melges national championships and the class European championships at Barcelona last year.

Their performance in the Admiral's Cup was breathtaking. Ably assisted by an experienced keelboat crew, which included David Howlett as navigator, they defied their short time in a Mumm and ran away with the honours, beating some very high quality opposition and finishing with a resounding win in the Fastnet Race. The Merricks and Walker crew emerged as the top British boat and the second most successful boat in the entire regatta.

Merricks was an instinctive, seat-of-the-pants racer who knew how to make a boat go fast, especially downwind when his reading of wind and wave patterns was second to none. Under pressure he was unflappable and demonstrated an uncanny ability to perform consistently even in the most adverse conditions. He was a hard worker and knew his stuff technically, benefiting from his work as a sailmaker with North Sails.

It was the partnership with Walker, however, that brought out the best in both of them. Two quite different personalities — Merricks uncomplicated and irrepressible, Walker intellectual and intense — the combination was nautical dynamite. They focused intensely on their chosen goals and, on the water, blended their talents most effectively, with Merricks steering and Walker controlling tactics.

The two were great ambassadors for the sport, earning the nickname "The Martians" as a result of their Olympic campaign sponsorship by Mars, and later dubbed the "cheeky chappies" of British sailing by *Yachting World* magazine. This was a reflection of their engagingly light-hearted approach on the dock, with a lot of larking around which sometimes fooled opponents into thinking they were not taking things seriously.

Merricks was happier in this role than Walker, and enjoyed the camaraderie and fun side of the sport. He was also an excellent communicator who had no fear of publicity, and he had the self-confidence to handle media pressure at big regattas. In a sport with a tendency to produce prima donna skippers, Merricks was a genuinely modest and gracious individual from a humble background who was both popular and admired.

John Merricks was born in Leicester and began sailing at the age of 12 with his father in a Mirror dinghy on Rutland Water. He progressed quickly with the encouragement of Rutland Sailing Club which awarded him a 420 dinghy, *Rutland Challenge*, in which he campaigned with Rob Wilson to achieve victory in successive national youth championships.

By this time he had become a member of the Royal Yachting Association youth squad where he came under the guiding hand of the national coach, Jim Saltonstall. Merricks, who had trained as an electrician, went on to win the 420 world championships with Ian Lovering in 1994. By then, however, he had begun his partnership with Walker, himself an established helmsman who had already won the International 14 world championships.

After a few months warming up, the partnership began a long winning streak. In 1994, they were IYRU world champions and won at Olympic regattas at Miami, Spa and Kiel. In 1995 they were European champions in the class, won the British Olympic trials and were again winners at Miami, Spa and Hyères. Last year they won Hyères with a race to spare and were second in the 470 world championships. They would have taken the title, had it not been for a miscalculation in their overall score going into the last race. A silver medal at the Olympics followed and then success in Melges and the Admiral's Cup.

To say that Merricks was a rising star would be wrong. He had already made it at the age of just 26. In the coming months he was due to steer Graham Walker's Corel 45, *Corum Indulgence*, at the class world championships in Fort Lauderdale and he had been offered a place on two legs of the current Whitbread Round the World Race aboard the American yacht *Chessie Racing*. He was drawn by the challenge of big boat racing, but despite this had decided to have another go with Walker at a gold medal in 470s at the Sydney Olympics in 2000.

Merricks had a very bright future ahead of him and might well have played a key role in the forthcoming America's Cup should a British challenge materialise. Recently Lawrie Smith, the director of sailing for the Spirit of Britain campaign, named Merricks as typical of the new talent in British sailing he wished to see taking part in the Cup. Merricks lived at Titchfield in Hampshire with his longstanding girlfriend, Camilla Mynors.

THE VEN EDWARD HENDERSON

The Ven Edward Henderson, Archdeacon of Pontefract, 1968-81, died on September 24 aged 80. He was born on October 15, 1916.

AN old-fashioned Evangelical, Edward ("Ted") Henderson had no easy path to ordination. A Geordie by birth, he first fell under influence of the local Church Army captain in the parish in which he was brought up. As head boy of Heaton Grammar School in Newcastle, he was encouraged to go the Low Church London College of Divinity — later presided over by Donald Coggan — to read theology. He acquired there both an associateship of the college (ALCD) and a London University BD.

He never, however, liked London much and he returned with some relief to Tyneside, where he served his only curacy at St Luke's, Newcastle upon Tyne. Between 1942 and 1945 he nailed his church party colours once more to the mast by acting as the organising secretary in the North East for the Church Pastoral Aid Society. This involved a good deal of fundraising and deputation work — all intended to strengthen the Evangelical wing within the Church.

The offer of his first benefice took him south to Leeds in Yorkshire, where in 1945 he became vicar of St Mary's, New Wortley. This was a tough inner-city parish which included the grim Armley prison within its boundaries; it was also witness to the boyhood of Alan Bennett, but there was not to be much future sign that Henderson's ministry had had any impact on him.

In 1951 he moved to All Souls', Halifax, another tough urban charge. His service in three separate dioceses since ordination suggested that he was already becoming a man to watch — and his next move (this time within the diocese of Wakefield) to the parish church of Dewsbury confirmed that impression. (Labour's industrial fortresses were often used at the time as a testing ground for fortyish clerics who seemed to have the potential to rise higher in the Church.)

Henderson arrived in Dewsbury in 1959, when he was still 42, and he was to spend the most creative nine years of his ministry there, becoming rural dean in 1961 and an honorary canon of Wakefield Cathedral four years later. His work greatly impressed his bishop, Eric Treacy, and in 1968 he was appointed Archdeacon of Pontefract, a post that Treacy himself had held on his upward route to becoming bishop of the diocese.

Henderson always saw himself first and foremost as a pastoral priest, and it was characteristic of him that when appointed to his archdeaconry he should have insisted on carrying on with parish work — if in the slightly less exacting environment of the country benefice of Darrington with Wentbridge.

Eventually the pressure of his diocesan responsibilities forced him to give up his parochial work, and for his last six years in office — now under a new bishop, Colin James — his duties were confined to being Archdeacon of Pontefract. He had served briefly — while vicar of Dewsbury — as a Proctor in Convocation for the diocese of Wakefield in 1963 and 1964.

An active Rotarian, Henderson took a great interest in health administration. He served on a community health council and on a hospital board, as well as being a director of a private hospice. He was also an accomplished pianist, and encouraged church music in the various spheres in which he was involved — in his parochial days regularly taking his choirboys to an annual camp at Bridlington, Cullercoats or Scarborough. In retirement he assisted in the parish of Great Snaith on Humberide, and as recently as last winter he could be found playing the piano there for the village pantomime.

He married his teenage sweetheart, Vera Pattison, in 1942 and is survived by her, and by their two sons and three daughters.

SIR CHARLES RUSSELL, Bt

Sir Charles Russell, Bt, solicitor, died on September 26 aged 79. He was born on March 13, 1918.

THE 3rd Baronet, Sir Charles Russell was a well-known London solicitor, and was for more than a decade the senior partner of the firm then known as Charles Russell & Co in Lincoln's Inn. To his family he was known as Charles, but to his colleagues in the law he was Tim — to distinguish him from his cousin, also Charles, later Lord Russell of Killowen, the third successive law lord in the family.

Contrary to popular belief, Charles was not the founder but the grandson of the founder of the firm, another Charles Russell, a well-known society solicitor in the first two decades of this century. This grandfather was himself the son of the great Lord Chief Justice, the original Charles, counsel for Parnell and in many other *causes célèbres* of the 19th century. A baronetcy was conferred on the first solicitor Russell by a grateful monarch for successfully hushing up a scandal involving Daisy Countess of Warwick and the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII.

Charles Ian Russell was the son of Sir Alec Russell and was educated at Beaumont and briefly (but apparently not ingloriously) at University College, Oxford, before joining the family firm as an articled clerk.

At the beginning of the Second World War, Russell was commissioned into the Royal Horse Artillery and served in North Africa, including at El Alamein, where he was mentioned in dispatches. Soon after D-Day he was in Normandy, by then as a captain in the 4th RHA, and was wounded and invalided home. The wound left him with a limp for the rest of his life.

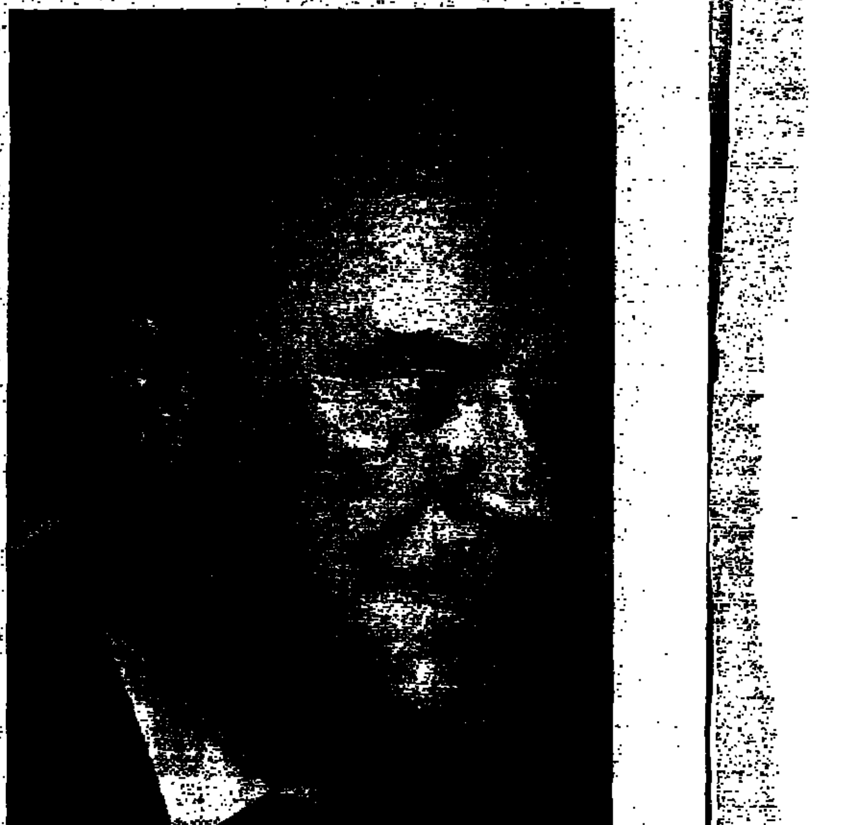
Russell rejoined Charles Russell & Co in 1946 and was admitted a solicitor in 1947, the year he married Rosemary, daughter of Sir John Prestige of Bishopsbourne, near Canterbury.

In his professional career, Russell specialised in family law, especially matrimonial, but he was also solicitor to such bodies as the Jockey Club and the Dorneywood Trust, of which he remained until very recently a trustee. (The Dorneywood Trust is the endowment fund for a house used as a residence by a senior minister of the Crown, nominated by the Prime Minister as he or she may decide from time to time.)

The style of practice as a solicitor in the 1950s and 1960s was perhaps less hectic than it was to be in the Thatcher boom years, or even in the 1990s; there were certainly crises and emergencies, but the working hours were on the whole shorter than now. Members of the staff of a firm of solicitors were more likely to have been managing clerks than assistant solicitors, and there was, fortunately, a succession of capable and devoted managers, some of whom served for more than 40 years — and in one remarkable instance for more than 60 years.

As a divorce lawyer, Russell was tactful and discreet, liked by his clients and a good negotiator. He regularly found himself dealing with the same professional opponents, who would treat each other with well-earned respect, and there was a strong rapport among members of the Bar — and thus, later, of the Bench, too.

In his day the firm was known, paradoxically, both for its divorce cases and for its Roman Catholic connections; but Sir Charles helped to lay the foundation for later growth and diversification of the work. He was glad to have been able to move the firm's premises to Lincoln's Inn in 1968 (where it stayed until 1995).



In his spare time Russell played golf, although not to a particularly high standard. He did, however, become captain of Royal St George's, Sandwich, in 1981-82, and threw himself into the organisation of the first Open Championship to be held there for many years.

He was also a popular member of the Garrick Club, where he served on the house committee and as the club's solicitor, becoming a life member in 1991. The Garrick was the place he would take aspirant partners of the firm, to be treated generously to gin, and to be warned that a partnership was something of the greatest consequence, "even more binding than matrimony".

Russell had a keen sense of humour and was well aware of the numerous stories about him, which he secretly enjoyed. There was the occasional explosion, but he was a humble man, a devout Catholic and a devoted family man.

He was greatly upset by the death of his wife, Rosemary, in 1996. He is survived by his daughter Clare, Mrs Richard Shepherd, and by his son Charles, who succeeds to the baronetcy.

ON THIS DAY

October 10, 1918

This defeat of the Germans, who had 23 divisions in action, was one of the great pitched battles of the war. It was at Cambrai, in November 1917, that tanks were used for the first time

CAMBRAI IN RUINS.
ENEMY'S SAVAGE REVENGE.

(From Our Special Correspondent)

War Correspondents' Head-quarters, Oct. 9.

The success of our attack yesterday was as complete as could be imagined or desired, and to-day we are garnering the fruits. The prisoners altogether will be not less than 10,000. Cambrai has been ours since daylight, and on all the front of the attack the Germans have fallen back across the first stages of what we can only assume to be a retirement to the Le Cateau line. By noon to-day some of our troops, pressing on the enemy's heels, had already reached the village of Bertry, some nine miles east of the line from which they attacked by Lesdain yesterday morning.

Bertry is four miles from Le Cateau. Just east of Bertry, and thence north-westward to Cambrai, runs the railway line along which at some places the Germans seem disposed to make a stand. At other places he has been blowing up the railway and burning stores at various depots on the line. At one place south of Bertry, towards Busigny, we are reported to have crossed the railway. Whether, therefore, he makes, or hopes to make, a temporary stand on that line, it certainly cannot hold. There appears to be no likely resting palce this side of Le Cateau, and at Le Cateau, it is needless to say, we shall not only have left the battlefields of 1917 behind us, but we shall have reached the fields, with all their glorious memories, of 1914. That the Germans had planned, under our pressure of these last few weeks, to fall back here makes little difference. It is probable that if we had not struck yesterday, they would soon have been slipping away. But we did strike, caught 10,000 of the enemy's men, killed many more, and drove him back before his preparations were complete. At many villages fires are burning to-day, and he is doing what destructive work he can; but in the country which we have this morning overrun, he has had no time to destroy, and hamlets have fallen into our hands intact, and we have released many hundreds, and probably some thousands, of French civilians. Five hundred have been rescued from the village of Sérain, three miles east of Villers-Outreaux, alone. Large numbers have been found at Selvigny and Caullery, farther north, and it is believed that still larger numbers will have received deliverance by to-night from places farther east. As for Cambrai, it is already a place of pilgrimage, and all sorts of minor souvenirs from the town, such as food tickets issued by the International Relief Commission, are passing from hand to hand far behind our lines. It was still dark this morning when, soon after 4 o'clock, Canadians entered the town from the north, while English troops worked in from the southern side. No civilians were left in the place, as we knew would be the case; but German soldiers were found hiding and making no attempt to fight. We have never shelled Cambrai, except very slightly, and, though thoroughly looted by the flying Germans, the town is not badly wrecked, and far from being destroyed. The Cathedral has been knocked about, but is not structurally injured. Other churches stand with no injury beyond the breakage of glass.

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NEWS

Hague seeks the party that cares

■ William Hague will today unveil his vision of a new "popular Conservatism" by setting out to reinvent the Tories as the party of compassion and tolerance.

In a daring attempt to transform its image, Mr Hague is insisting that he wants to lead a party that cares for the poor, disadvantaged and oppressed, and is more liberal in its attitude both to people who bring up families outside marriage and to the sexual misdemeanours of politicians ....Pages 1, 10, 11

Germans push up interest rates

■ Germany triggered a sudden rise in European interest rates, signalling its determination to press ahead towards a single currency. The Bundesbank raised rates for the first time in more than five years. It was swiftly followed by France, Belgium, Austria, The Netherlands and Denmark .... Page 1

£14.5 million picture

A striking landscape by Gustav Klimt, the Viennese master, sold for a staggering £14.5 million at Christie's in London. A mere £6 million had been expected .. Page 1

Bloody Sunday

The Government is "moving towards" a formal apology for the events of Bloody Sunday, say Labour Party sources........ Page 1

Student loans

Students will be rewarded with bigger loans at university if they pass extra school tests in literacy, numeracy and computing under plans being considered ..... Page 2

Sailing terror

The skipper of a yacht which capsized after being swamped by a rogue wave off the French coast told of the terror of clinging to an upturned life-raft for eight hours and watching helplessly as his friend was washed away .. Page 3

Au pair trial

As the trial of Louise Woodward, the 19-year-old British au pair charged with murdering a nine-month-old boy, ended its third day, resentful locals remain convinced of her "guilt" .... Page 5

Pollitt and MI5

Harry Pollitt, leader of the British Communist Party for 30 years until his death in 1960, sent his secretary to Moscow with sensitive material, unaware that she was working for MI5 .... Page 6

Wild about Oscar

The grandson of Oscar Wilde accused the makers of a film biography of concentrating on his homosexuality to the exclusion of almost all else .... Page 8

Teacher of the year

The primary school teacher who helped ten-year-old Josie Russell to recover her speech after witnessing the murder of her mother and sister was named as teacher of the year .... Page 9

Nobel prizewinner

The Italian playwright and actor Dario Fo, best known for his biting satires on the establishment was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature .... Page 13

Saddam warning

America last night threatened President Saddam Hussein with dire consequences if his planes continued to violate no-fly zones in southern Iraq .... Page 15

Mossad bungle

David Levy, Israel's Foreign Minister, said that he may resign over the attempt to assassinate a Hamas leader as new details emerged about the bungled Mossad operation .... Page 16

Italian turmoil

Italy was thrown into political turmoil as Professor Romano Prodi, the centre-left Prime Minister, offered his resignation after the refusal of his Communist allies to back him .... Page 17

Toyboy, 98, discovers wife's secret

■ Ina Marshall was opening copious cards celebrating her 98th birthday helped by her husband John, also 98, at their home in East Kilbride, Lanarkshire. But in the mail was a telegram from Buckingham Palace congratulating her on her century. After 80 years, the game was up — she had to admit that she was older than her "toyboy" husband .... Page 1

YANSE MARTIN / Reuters

Volunteers flocked to a beach in northern New Zealand to try to save 100 stranded pilot whales. But 53 of the animals died

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Interest: British interest rates remained on hold at 7 per cent yesterday despite a number of European countries raising rates in an apparently co-ordinated move aimed at monetary union .... Page 25

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Carlton Communications is in talks with Web TV, the Microsoft subsidiary, about incorporating Internet technology in the launch of digital terrestrial TV .... Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell 44.3 to 5217.8. Sterling fell from 100.4 to 100.2 after a rise from $1.6223 to $1.6268 but a fall from DM2.8452 to DM2.82990 .... Page 28

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Not Oscar: Wilde's grandson, Merlin Holland, laments the inaccuracies in *Wilde*, the new film portrayal of his grandfather starring Stephen Fry which opens next week .... Page 35

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■ WEEKEND
A memorial garden tribute to Diana, Princess of Wales

■ MAGAZINE
Hollywood's latest heart-throb, George Clooney, reveals why he will never marry

Today is the 30th anniversary of the execution of Ché Guevara in Bolivia. The Socialism he preached has failed. But his legend lives in. Ché remains a potent symbol of coherence between thought and action. His political legacy has disintegrated. His personal example remains — *Diario 16*, Madrid

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A nation on the line

All those with Israel's future at heart should encourage the Prime Minister and the Labour leader to reach an accommodation and an alliance .... Page 21

MATTHEW PARRIS

In the end, Tony Blair will stumble. In the end — and hard though Mr Hague might find this to visualise now — Conservatives will sense a quickening of interest in them, in their ideas, in their leader, and in the kind of fight he is capable of offering Mr Blair .... Page 20

TERENCE KEALEY

Oxbridge colleges are already rich, their undergraduates are among the most privileged on the planet, so why should the taxpayer offer special subsidies to this gilded youth? .... Page 20

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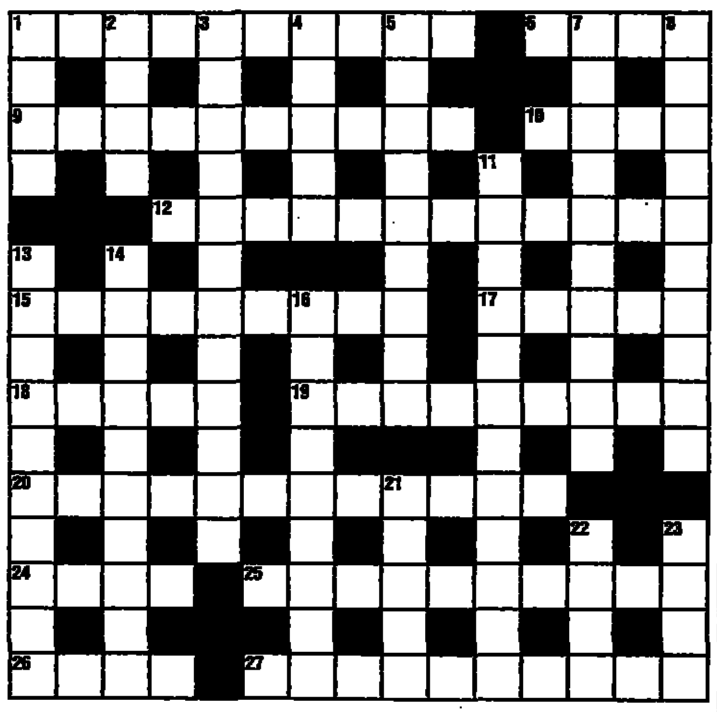

ACROSS

1 Denomination in worship put in public domain (10).
6 Member of school, perhaps, a head sent back (4).
9 One in the field making worthless contribution to debate (5,5).
10 Damage distressing 22 (4).
12 Saving a bit by cutting round Leicester, say? (6-6).
15 Rising in which one is dominant (9).
17 Main character in novel, a dramatic tale's teller (5).
18 Strip of leather in girth on gelding (5).
19 An alternative to tacky pies? (5-4).
20 Dance craze, with Arab held by dancing Greek character (12).
24 Young party settled down in this state (4).
25 Biting part of a lemon? (6,4).
26 American politician not half involved in protest (4).
27 Original crossword expert who no longer works on newspaper? (10).

DOWN

1 Ready to turn over hard piece of land (4).
2 Frozen fish left inside (4).
3 Permissiveness represented in the gay song with this title? (8,4).
4 Push South, heading for Channel town (5).
5 Somehow print, e.g. if one hits key with this? (9).
7 Starts off run for big final copying (10).
8 In which one is barely visible? Quite (10).
11 Part of theatre in which people are relatively close (6,6).
13 Unable to fly towards this planet (10).
14 Teacher taking a group of swimmers, a large number to control (10).
16 Write it at end of family Bible (9).
21 A place for putting cut in grant (5).
22 The sort of Briton gang means to go for (4).
23 Once more perform over this European river (4).

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Yesterday: Highest day temp: Jersey, 20C (68F); lowest day max: Sella Ness, Drumalbin, Spadeadam, and Lough Fea, Co Tyrone, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Skegness, 1.23in; highest sunshine: Stornoway, Outer Hebrides, 7.7hr.

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☐ **General:** rain over southern England and East Anglia will clear away this morning to leave spells of sunshine. Wales and the rest of England will have sunny spells all day and many places are going to be dry, but a few showers are likely in the north and north west.

The east and south east of Scotland will be mostly dry with just a few isolated showers. Western and northern Scotland and Northern Ireland will have less sunshine and more showers. All parts will be rather chilly overnight, with only a brisk north-westerly wind preventing a frost in Scotland.

☐ **London, SE, Cent S England, E Anglia:** rain clearing, then sunny spells. Moderate westerly wind. Max 59-64F (15-18C).

☐ **E & W Midlands, E, SW, Cent N, NE England:** sunny spells and the odd shower. Moderate westerly wind. Max 57-61F (14-16C).

☐ **Channel Isles,** after a wet morning a dry afternoon with sunshine. Fresh southwest wind turning northwesterly. Max 64-68F (18-20C).

☐ **S & N Wales, NW England, Lake Dist, IoM:** sunny spells and the odd shower. Moderate to fresh westerly wind. Max 57-61F (14-16C).

☐ **SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland:** mixture of sunny spells and showers. Moderate to fresh northwest wind. Max 54-59F (12-15C).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland:** mainly dry with long sunny spells. Moderate westerly wind. Max 55-61F (13-16C).

☐ **Republic of Ireland:** bright spells and occasional showers, mainly to north and west. Wind west moderate, or fresh easing later. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Outlook:** more rain in the south tomorrow with showers and sunny spells in the north. Sunday will turn colder and breezy everywhere with a mixture of sun and showers, and some steadier rain over Scotland.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

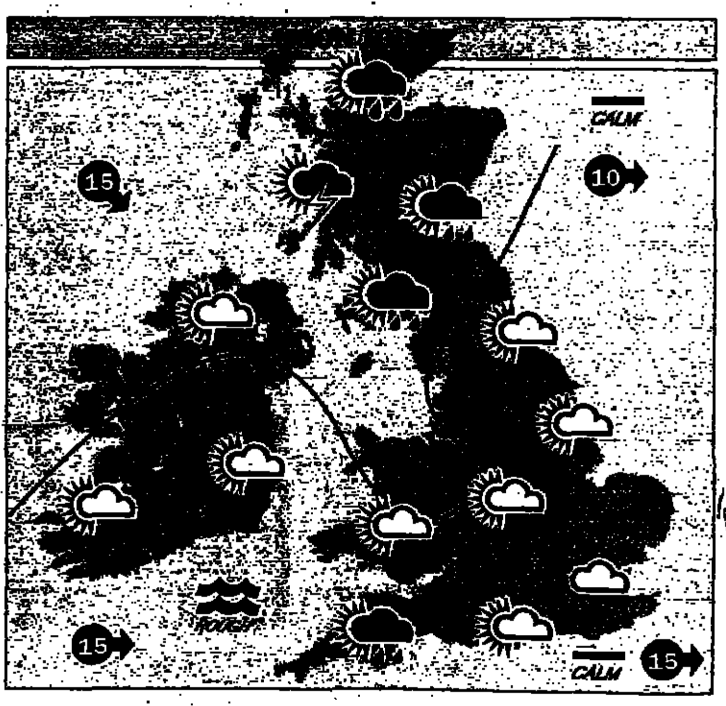
24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.4	-	17	63	s	Leeds	3.9	0.39	16	61	b
Anglesey	4.4	0.27	16	61	sh	Lerwick	6.1	0.01	13	55	s
Aspatria	6.7	0.38	15	59	sh	Leuchars	7.3	0.04	16	61	s
Aviemore	6.3	0.01	15	59	b	Littlehmptn	-	0.59	17	63	r
Belfast	4.6	0.25	15	59	b	London	2.0	0.08	19	66	b
Birmingham	4.8	0.69	18	64	b	Lowestoft	3.5	0.11	19	66	sh
Bognor R	0.2	0.48	17	63	sh	Manchester	3.8	0.56	17	63	b
Bournem'th	-	0.31	17	63	sh	Margate	2.7	0.28	20	68	r
Bristol	2.9	0.17	17	63	sh	Minehead	4.2	0.17	18	64	sh
Buxton	3.9	0.97	14	57	s	Morecambe	5.3	0.30	16	61	s
Cardiff	4.0	0.15	17	63	sh	Newcastle	5.5	0.20	16	61	r
Clacton	2.9	0.13	19	66	b	Newquay	0.9	0.14	18	64	sh
Cleethorpes	5.2	0.60	17	63	s	Norwich	5.4	0.04	19	66	c
Colwyn Bay	5.6	0.26	18	64	s	Oxford	2.7	0.04	18	64	sh
Cromer	6.8	0.17	18	64	s	Penzance	X	0.27	18	64	sh
Dunbar	X					Poole	0.3	0.28	17	63	r
Eastbourne	X					Prestatyn	X	0.29	15	59	b
Edinburgh	5.4	0.14	16	61	sh	Ross-o-wye	5.2	0.41	19	66	s
Eskdalemuir	4.1	0.16	14	57	b	Salcombe	-	0.59	17	63	r
Exmouth	0.8	0.19	19	66	sh	Saunton Snd	-	0.20	17	63	du
Falmouth	-	0.23	18	64	sh	Scarboro'	5.1	0.48	15	59	s
Fishguard	3.6	0.72	16	61	r	Shrewsbury	4.7	0.81	17	63	s
Folkestone	-	0.63	18	64	r	Skegness	6.3	1.23	18	64	s
Glasgow	4.3	0.13	16	61	sh	Southend	3.8	0.64	19	66	b
Guernsey	0.4	0.50	20	68	c	Southsea	0.3	0.30	18	64	r
Hastings	-	0.59	18	64	sh	Stornoway	7.7	0.04	14	57	sh
Hayling I.	X	0.31	18	64	sh	Swanage	0.5	0.23	17	63	sh
Herne Bay	2.1	0.29	19	66	r	Teignmouth	1.2	0.25	18	64	sh
Hove	0.1	0.32	17	63	sh	Tenby	3.0	0.51	17	63	sh
Hunstanton	7.0	0.54	17	63	s	Tiree	5.6	0.02	15	59	sh
Isle-of-man	6.7	0.18	15	59	b	Torquay	0.8	0.26	18	64	sh
Isle-of-wight	-	0.51	17	63	r	Tynemouth	X				
Jersey	2.2	0.55	20	68	sh	West-s-mare	1.1	0.05	17	63	c
Kinloss	5.6	-	15	59	b	Weymouth	-	0.28	17	63	r

ABROAD

Ajaccio	26	79	s	Corfu	24	75	s	Majorca	26	79	s	Rome	24	75	f
Akrotiri	26	79	s	C'phagn	15	59	f	Malaga	26	79	s	S Fr'isco	17	63	s
Alex'dria	26	79	f	Dublin	14	57	f	Malta	25	77	f	S Paulo	X		
Algiers	16	61	f	Dubrovnik	18	64	r	Melb'rne	16	61	c	Salzburg	21	70	s
Amst'dm	16	61	r	Faro	23	73	s	Mexico C	20	68	f	Santiago	20	68	s
Athens	24	75	s	Florence	27	81	f	Miami	28	82	s	Seoul	15	59	s
B Aires	X			Frankfurt	21	70	f	Milan	24	75	c	Sing'por	25	77	t
Bahrain	33	91	s	Funchal	23	73	s	Montreal	15	59	s	St'kholm	14	57	s
Bangkok	34	93	f	Geneva	22	72	f	Moscow	4	39	f	Strasb'rg	22	72	f
Barbados	31	88	s	Gibraltar	24	75	s	Munich	22	72	s	Sydney	X		
Barcelona	25	77	s	Helsinki	6	43	r	N Delhi	29	84	f	Tangier	23	73	f
Beirut	26	79	s	Hong K	26	79	t	N York	20	68	f	Tel Aviv	27	81	f
Belgrade	28	82	s	Innsbrck	20	68	s	Nairobi	25	77	c	Tenerife	26	79	f
Berlin	19	66	f	Istanbul	22	72	s	Naples	23	73	f	Tokyo	27	81	s
Bermuda	25	77	f	Jeddah	35	95	s	Nice	25	77	s	Toronto	22	72	s
Biarritz	27	81	f	Jo'burg	25	77	f	Oslo	13	55	f	Tunis	25	77	c
Borde'x	25	77	s	L Angels	22	72	s	Paris	18	64	r	Valencia	29	84	s
Brussels	18	64	c	L Palmas	25	77	s	Peking	20	68	s	Vanc'ver	9	48	r
Budapest	23	73	s	Le Touqt	17	63	f	Perth	22	72	r	Venice	23	73	f
Cairo	28	82	s	Lisbon	21	70	c	Prague	19	66	f	Vienna	19	66	c
Cape Tn	17	63	s	Locarno	21	70	f	Reykjavik	7	45	r	Warsaw	17	63	f
Ch'church	14	57	x	Luxembg	16	61	c	Rhodes	24	75	s	Wash'ton	28	82	s
Chicago	27	81	f	Luxor	32	90	s	Rio de J	25	77	f	Wel'ngton	16	61	x
Cologne	18	64	f	Madrid	22	72	f	Riyadh	37	99	s	Zurich	21	70	f

Temperatures at midday local time on Wednesday. X = not available



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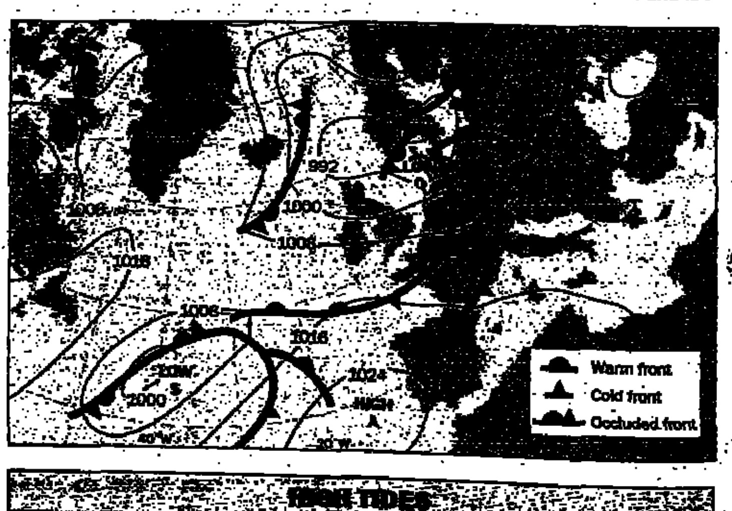

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	07.51	6.0	20.34	5.9	Leith	09.23	4.6	21.51	4.6
Aberdeen	08.14	3.5	20.41	3.6	Liverpool	05.28	7.5	18.12	7.7
Avonmouth	00.49	10.3	13.29	10.1	Lowestoft	03.45	2.2	16.47	2.2
Belfast	05.36	3.0	17.57	3.1	Margate	06.11	4.1	18.51	4.1
Cardiff	00.35	9.6	13.15	9.5	Milford Haven	00.08	5.4	12.51	5.4
Devonport	11.48	4.6	-	-	Newquay	11.51	5.5	-	-
Dover	05.11	5.6	17.57	5.5	Oban	-	-	13.10	[illegible]
Dublin (N Wall)	06.39	3.4	18.56	3.5	Penzance	11.18	4.5	-	-
Falmouth	11.19	4.4	-	-	Portland	00.39	1.4	13.03	1.5
Greenock	06.42	3.0	19.20	3.0	Portsmouth	05.51	4.0	18.19	3.9
Harwich	05.57	3.4	18.38	3.4	Shoreham	05.20	6.0	18.06	[illegible]
Holyhead	04.54	4.5	17.33	4.7	Southampton	05.04	3.8	17.39	3.9
Hull (Albert D)	00.09	7.3	12.56	7.1	Swansea	00.13	7.5	12.59	7.5
Ilfracombe	-	-	12.38	7.1	Tees	10.41	4.3	23.07	4.4
King's Lynn	00.12	5.3	13.04	5.1	Walton-on-N	05.54	3.5	18.39	3.6

All times BST. Heights in metres.

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 7.16 am
Sun sets: 6.18 pm
Moon sets -
Moon rises 3.19 pm

London 6.18 pm to 7.18 am
Bristol 6.28 pm to 7.27 am
Edinburgh 6.25 pm to 7.38 am
Manchester 6.24 pm to 7.29 am
Penzance 6.41 pm to 7.38 am

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German rate rise upsets markets

Increases across Europe but Britain stays unmoved

By Alasdair Murray
Economics Correspondent

THE Bundesbank yesterday created chaos in financial markets after its unexpected decision to increase its key rate prompted rate rises across Europe.

Bond and share prices plummeted in the European markets while the mark made substantial gains against the dollar and sterling.

The Bundesbank raised its key repo from 3 per cent to 3.3 per cent — the first increase for five years.

The Bank of France immediately increased its key intervention rate from 3.1 to 3.3 per cent, while Belgium, The Netherlands, Austria and Denmark also moved quickly to adjust their rates higher.

The rises completely overshadowed the Bank of England's decision to leave UK rates unchanged — made just 30 minutes before the Bundesbank decision.

Both the Bundesbank and the Bank of France admitted in statements that the increases had been partly motivated by EMU. Alfons Verplaetse, governor of the Belgian central bank, confirmed there had been agreement in advance on the need for rate increases which was intended to push European rates from "historically low to more normal" levels.

Economists predicted that German interest rates are set to rise as high as 4.5 per cent to ensure interest rate convergence across Europe. But European countries with high interest rates, which include Spain, Portugal and Ireland, made no moves to cut rates yesterday and economists said these countries will find difficulty in meeting the convergence target.

Marian Bell, Treasury economist at the Royal Bank of Scotland, said: "There is little domesic justification for the hikes. By effectively bringing in fixed exchange rates months ahead of a single currency, the EU risks setting up a target for speculators which it might live to regret."

European bond markets were especially hard hit. Liffe volume leapt to 1.9 million compared with an average of 800,000 and a previous best of 1.6 million in 1994. The December ten-year Bund future fell 0.8 points to 102.49, while the French ten-year notionnel fell 0.96 to 99.12. UK gilts also suffered with the December long gilt closing down $^{20}/_{32}$ at $118^{31}/_{32}$.

Graham McDevitt, of Banque Paribas, said: "Nobody was expecting a 30 basis-point rise and very few people thought any increase would come this soon."

European stock markets already weakened by worries over US interest rates, following Alan Greenspan's bearish comments on Wednesday, also suffered. In Paris the CAC-40 fell 63.43 points to 2,960.65 and the Frankfurt Dax slipped 61.39 points to 4,181.62. But the Milan market was the biggest loser falling nearly 3 per cent in trading.

In London, the stock market endured an especially volatile day's trading, recovering from early falls, after the monetary policy committee decision, only for the European rate rises to send the market lower again. The FTSE 100 closed down 44.3 at 5,217.8. UK companies with large exposure to the German market were worst hit although banks and insurance companies, large holders of gilts, also fell.

The pound lost ground against the mark, closing down nearly two pfennigs at DM2.8290. The mark also gained over a pfennig against the dollar to DM1.7318 but, was little moved against the French franc.

The mark's biggest gains came against the lira which fell from 982.62 to 985.13 after the resignation of Romano Prodi, the Italian Prime Minister.

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FTSE 100	5217.8	(-44.3)
Yield	3.12%	
FTSE All share	2451.49	(-17.64)
Nikkei	17376.92	(-242.26)
New York:		
Dow Jones	8053.07	(-41.99)*
S&P Composite	970.41	(-3.43)*
Federal Funds	5[illegible]%*	(5[illegible]%)
Long Bond	99[illegible]*	(100[illegible])
Yield	6.40%*	(6.36%)
3-mth Interbank	7[illegible]%	(7[illegible]%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	118[illegible]	(119[illegible])
New York:		
$	1.6252*	(1.6225)
London:		
$	1.6271	(1.6225)
DM	2.8293	(2.8458)
FFr	9.5068	(9.5584)
SFr	2.3552	(2.3475)
Yen	197.07	(196.84)
£ Index	100.2	(100.4)
London:		
DM	1.7436*	(1.7486)
FFr	5.8600*	(5.8735)
SFr	1.4566*	(1.4430)
Yen	121.19*	(121.08)
$ Index	104.5	(104.8)

Tokyo close Yen 121.18

Brent 15-day (Dec)	$20.60	($20.80)
London close	$330.80	($330.65)

* denotes midday trading price

Commerzbank withdrawal a setback for BZW sale

By Jon Ashworth

COMMERZBANK declared itself out of the running for BZW yesterday, dashing hopes of a swift sale, and increasing pressure on Martin Taylor, the Barclays chief executive.

Fears about the success of the disposal programme grew yesterday, despite Paribas, the French banking group, confirming it is interested in parts of the BZW operation. Barclays put the BZW equities and corporate finance arms up for sale a week ago, after conceding defeat in its efforts to build a global investment bank. The rest will be incorporated into the renamed Barclays Capital Group.

Commerzbank had been tipped as the favoured buyer, despite opposition from BZW staff, who questioned whether the cultures would fit. It emerged yesterday that BZW had held informal sale talks with Travelers Group, the US financial services operation. Travelers' decision to bid instead for Salomon, the Wall Street investment house, is thought to have helped precipitate the decision to sell BZW.

Commerzbank, which is keen to expand equities operations in London, Frankfurt and New York, said it was not a contender. A spokesman said: "Commerzbank isn't interested in BZW or any part of it. It doesn't fit our revenue goals."

John Aitken, banking analyst at UBS, reiterated his "sell" stance on Barclays, and gave warning of "a further 15 per cent downside" in the share price in the medium term. The shares closed 20p lower at £16.27½p.

Mr Aitken said that Barclays could be forced to restructure operations, resulting in a total charge of £200 to £250 million. There were concerns that the sale proceeds could be relatively small.

Staff at BZW have yet to receive details of bonus payments, aimed at preventing defections in the run-up to a sale. Details of assets, employees and revenue streams at the so-called "BZW NewCo" are expected to be circulated to potential buyers in the next three weeks. Goldman Sachs is advising on the disposal.

PETER TREVNOR

Brighter picture: reduced pre-tax losses gave John Coleman, House of Fraser's chief executive, something to smile about

House of Fraser on road to recovery

By Sarah Cunningham

HOUSE OF FRASER, the department store group, provided evidence that it is well on the road to recovery as it cut its first-half pre-tax loss from £13.6 million to £1.8 million.

Brian McGowan, chairman, said that all the milestones set last year have been met. The launch of the group's own-label clothing, Linea, has gone well and should help to boost second-half sales. Like-for-like sales are currently running 5 per cent ahead, compared with 3.8 per cent in the first half.

John Coleman, chief executive, said that no further progress has been made in finding buyers for the Sheffield and Eastbourne stores. If no buyers are found, the stores will be shut.

The company is still unloading poor stock, which is continuing to depress margins. "We need margin improvement rather than sales growth," said Mr McGowan. "The margin could be a lot better, but we have made a good start."

The company has carried £32.5 million of last year's £52.3 million exceptional charges forward to cover stock overhang and restructuring and disposals of stores. It will pay a maintained interim dividend of 1.7p on December 1.

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WH Smith to explain rejection

RICHARD HANDOVER, the new chief executive of WH Smith, will meet several institutional investors next week to offer his justification for the company's abrupt rejection of Tim Waterstone's £1 billion takeover proposal (Sarah Cunningham writes).

Mr Waterstone and SBC Warburg, the bank backing his move, yesterday began redrafting the terms. WH Smith Shareholders have told him they are unhappy with the idea of his new venture, the Daisy and Tom children's store, being brought into the group and with the level of debt the deal would bring.

Mr Waterstone hopes to meet WH Smith's board once the new proposal is ready, probably early next week.

Asterix plans £36m Paris float

By Fraser Nelson

ASTERIX THE GAUL is coming to his native stock market via a flotation that will raise around £36.6 million for Parc Asterix, the French theme park dedicated to the life and loves of the cartoon warrior.

Parc Asterix, which for the past five years has been fighting the advances of EuroDisney, its American rival, is joining the Second Market in Paris in three weeks. Its expected market valuation is about Fr550 million (£57.6 million).

The theme park, which has cost £115 million to build and develop, suffered a body blow when EuroDisney opened. The annual number of visitors to Asterix plunged from 1.5 million to 1 million.

Situated about 21 miles outside Paris, it relies on the citizens of the capital for 45 per cent of its custom and suffered badly when the American park opened with equal accessibility. Since then, the gate recepits have been growing at an average 14 per cent a year and the park is expected to welcome a record 1.9 million visitors by the end of this year.

Asterix all set to go native

It boasts repeat rates of 50 per cent, the highest for any European theme park, and an average spend per visitor of £19.50. Last year this brought sales of £31.8 million and generated profits of £2 million.

The flotation will deliver a share windfall for its 175 staff, who will join a profit-sharing scheme. With the money from the placing, it intends to open two more attractions — the Forest of the Druids and La Halte des Chevaliers, another themed restaurant. Barclays Bank will be one of the main holders, with its stake in the theme park reduced from 16 per cent to 5 per cent.

Unlike EuroDisney, all its attractions are in the open air. The park refuses to open during the winter months. It also differs from its rival in that it spends little on advertising on the grounds that the worldwide success of its Asterix comics delivers enough publicity.

Votes for all City businesses

CORPORATION of London councillors have agreed to award the franchise to all businesses within the Square Mile, giving votes to the big City banks and other institutions for the first time (Martin Waller writes).

The decision was taken at a meeting yesterday of the Court of Common Council, the local government body that includes both aldermen and members of the Corporation.

The aldermen have agreed in future to stand for re-election and to abandon the right to veto the appointment of any new aldermen.

Carlton plans Net link-up

By Raymond Snoddy
Media Editor

MICHAEL GREEN'S Carlton Communications is in talks with Web TV, the Microsoft subsidiary, about incorporating Internet technology in the launch of digital terrestrial television in the UK next year.

Carlton and the Granada group make up the British Digital Broadcasting partnership, which plans to launch at least 20 channels of digital television in the second half of next year.

BDB has been impressed by the Web TV technology, which allows the Internet to be dispalyed on ordinary television screens. Two Carlton executives are in California to explore the possibility of using Web TV technology in the digital "black box" planned for the UK. Web TV recently launched a $300 box in the US which can display the Internet on television sceeens. It is designed to take the Internet to the majority who do not have PCs.

Green: in talks with Web TV

The new digital terrestrial television channels can be received without either a satellite dish or cable connection, but need a digital decoder, or black box, expected to retail at £200 to £300, including subsidy.

Unlike rivals for the commercial digital terrestrial frequencies BDB placed its main initial emphasis on entertainment. In recent months it has been exploring the possibility of including more interactive services, such as home shopping and banking.

BDB has also been talking about interactivity in recent weeks with British Interactive Broadcasting, the consortium planning to use digital satellite broadcasting to launch interactive services. BIB is also planning to display Internet services on television screens.

Next year the UK population will be able to chose from three different digital systems all offering many more television channels — digital satellite, digital cable and digital terrestrial.

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Sainsbury pledge to take on 1,000 young jobless

By Christine Buckley
Industrial Correspondent

J SAINSBURY, the supermarket chain, yesterday joined businesses supporting the Government's efforts to cut youth unemployment with the promise to recruit 1,000 young people.

The move came as Andrew Smith, *the Employment Minister, set out* details of how the New Deal programme will work, including a mentoring system to give jobseekers their own role models. Mr Smith said that young people would be able to call on personal mentors, sought out from volunteers by the employment service, to help them through job and placement applications.

Taster periods of work experience will also be available for the unemployed without jeopardising benefits, and help will be provided for childcare.

J Sainsbury's pledge of 1,000 places for young unemployed people came as the Confederation of British Industry and Co-operative Wholesale Society backed the New Deal. John Adshead, Sainsbury's human resources director, said: "The company sees this as a way to give unemployed people the opportunity of a permanent job with good career prospects." The CBI said it was vital that the young unemployed should be given the skills and experience to bring them back into the jobs market.

British Telecom also said yesterday that it would seek every opportunity to employ New Deal participents.

More than 30 major companies have now endorsed the New Deal, which is part of the Welfare to Work initiative funded by the windfall tax. It was designed to find work for 250,000 young people. But with unemployment falling, the number of young people that are without work now stands at 150,000.

Mr Smith denied that the scheme was becoming less relevant. He said that 15,000 young people passed the six-month threshold of being out of work each month and the Government needed to ensure that they were not disconnected from work.

The New Deal will start in 12 areas in January and be implemented nationwide by April. The Government will aim to block abuses of the system through a confidential hotline and by quality control checks to monitor work and training places.

Valuations 'altered to inflate QMH profit'

By Dominic Walsh

THE thorny issue of hotel valuations was put under the spotlight in the High Court yesterday as four former directors of Queens Moat Houses were accused of manipulating valuations to inflate profits artificially.

The four men, including John Bairstow, the former chairman, were all sacked in 1993 in the wake of the suspension of QMH shares, and are now suing the company for unfair dismissal.

In the run-up to the start of the trial this week, Mr Bairstow and his colleagues — Martin Marcus, David Hersey and Allan Porter — had tried to argue that a controversial £922 million property writedown instigated by current management was largely to blame for the financial mire *in which QMH finds itself.*

Michael Burton, QC, for QMH, continuing his opening remarks, cited valuations as one of the tools used by the former directors to cover up profit shortfalls. He estimated that up to £60 million of the £90 million pre-tax profit reported in 1991 had been "either non-existent and artificially created or, at the very least, should have separately disclosed" as exceptional items.

He cited the example of London's Sloane Club, which was valued at £17 million when QMH acquired it in 1990 as part of Norfolk Capital Hotels. As a result, Mr Burton said, when the hotel was sold on in 1991, the company should have booked a loss on the transaction of £3 million. "In fact, it appears that the £17 million was revalued to £15 million, then, just before the interim report at the end of June 1991, it was devalued again to £9.5 million."

But, according to Mr Burton, that was not the end of the matter, as the directors then decided to use yet another valuation, this time the £3.8 million that the Sloane Club had originally cost Norfolk Capital in 1988. "When it came to the end of the year they needed some more profit to be found, and squeezing as much as they could out of a pint pot, they had a rethink on the *Sloane Club transaction, and* at the year-end, what should have been a loss of £3 million had become a profit of £10.2 million."

Mr Burton, who this week has outlined how sale and leaseback deals and incentive management schemes were also used to inflate profits, alleged that Mr Bairstow and the other three men had failed in their duty to disclose such one-off profits in the report and accounts, choosing instead to disguise them as trading profits.

The case continues.

Bob Critchlow, chief executive of Tetra Holdings: enhancing profile with customers

Tetra proposes flotation on main market

TETRA HOLDINGS, the *management software group,* said yesterday that it planned to float on the main market via a placing with institutional investors (Chris Ayres writes). Tetra, whose customers include the BBC, Dalgety, Glaxo Wellcome and Motorola, has sales of £22 million, and made an operating profit of £2.8 million last year. HSBC Investment Bank is acting as sponsor and stockbroker to the proposed listing. Bob Critchlow, chief executive, said: "A listing will enhance our profile with customers and within the industry generally."

Japanese deal for Vanguard Medica

By Paul Durman

VANGUARD MEDICA, the drug development company, has secured a deal to license a kidney disease treatment to Sankyo, Japan's largest pharmaceutical company.

Sankyo will have exclusive rights to sell VML 252 in Japan, the largest potential market after the US, and also in China, Korea, Taiwan and Thailand. Vanguard did not reveal the terms of the deal. The shares rose 22½p to 447½p.

Vanguard is likely to have received an upfront payment in the low single-figure millions. More importantly, it is believed to have agreed a royalty on future sales of about 15 per cent. The Japanese market could be worth up to £100 million a year.

Because of the lengthy Japanese regulatory process, VML 252 is unlikely to go on sale in Japan before 2003. Vanguard hopes for earlier sales elsewhere.

CBI finds slower high street sales

By Alasdair Murray
Economics Correspondent

HIGH STREET sales growth moderated in September, providing new evidence that windfall spending could be on the wane.

The monthly Confederation of British Industry distributive trades survey showed that 47 per cent of retailers questioned reported an increase in sales volumes, while 21 per cent said that they fell. This left a positive balance of 26 per cent reporting growth — well below last September's level of 46 per cent.

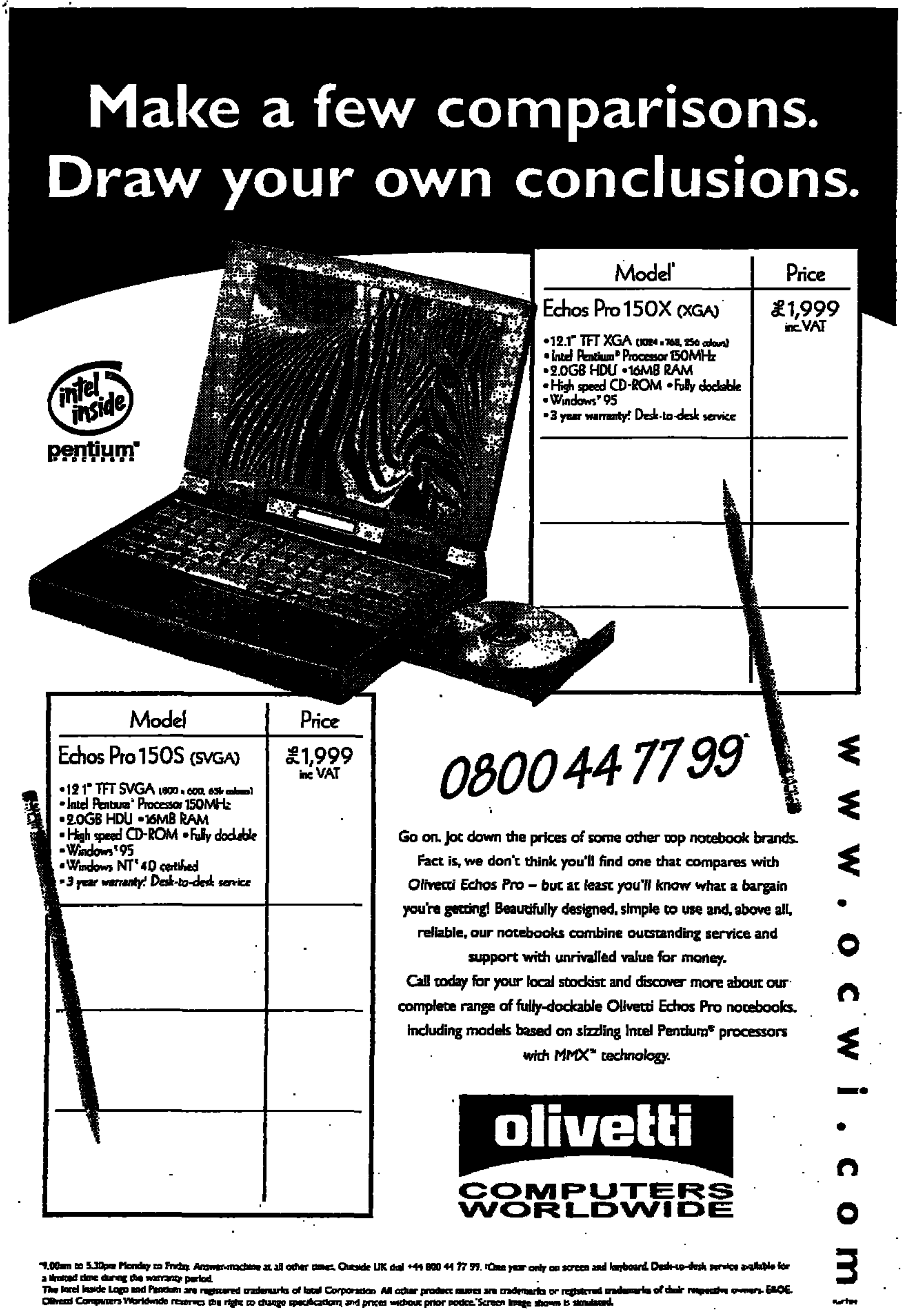
The sales growth rate was also considerably below what retailers had been expecting, while the quarterly growth rate slipped to its lowest level since January 1996.

The CBI said that some of the slowdown in September could be attributed to the closure of shops for the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales. Retailers' growth expectations remain high, suggesting that sales could pick up again in the run-up to Christmas.

Alastair Eperon, chairman of the CBI's survey panel, said: "Growth remains quite strong and expectations for October indicate a quickening in the *pace of expansion."*

Spending in sectors linked to the household, which had previously enjoyed windfall-fuelled growth, slowed sharply. Furniture and carpets recorded only a marginal increase while the growth rate halved in hardware, china and DIY. But the household goods sector enjoyed further strong growth.

Simon Briscoe, director of research at Nikko Europe, said that the survey provided tentative evidence of a slowdown and would ease some of the pressure for a rate rise.



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Third North Sea find for Amoco

By Our City Staff

A NEW and "significant" North Sea *oil discovery 160* miles off the east coast of Scotland has been made by Amoco Exploration Company and Amerada Hess, which claim it could provide a new hub for oil and gas fields.

Clive Fowler, managing director of Amoco (UK), said the oil was very light and of exceptionally high quality. He added that the flow rates from the well were very encouraging, with 6,329 barrels of oil and 13.4 million cubic feet of gas being produced per day.

The new find is close to several possible new developments and a special central area project team has been formed under the leadership *of Richard Bozanich,* formerly Amoco's southern area exploration manager.

The find is close to several possible new developments, including the Amoco-operated Halley field. It is the third discovery to be made by the company and its co-venturers in the North Sea within the past year.

"Our objective now will be to prepare a detailed development plan as quickly as possible for government approval," said Mr Fowler. "These discoveries confirm our belief that there are valuable North Sea oil and gas reserves still to be tapped."

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Belgium Fr	61.62	56.66	New Zealand $	2.88	2.44
Canada $	2.363	2.175	Norway Kr	12.07	11.13
Cyprus Cyp£	0.886	0.815	Portugal Esc	301.03	279.00
Denmark Kr	11.37	10.48	S Africa Rd	8.31	7.35
Finland Mkk	9.06	8.31	Spain Pta	250.79	232.00
France Fr	9.98	9.20	Sweden Kr	13.08	11.98
Germany Dm	3.00	2.75	Switzerland Fr	2.51	2.29
Greece Dr	474	435	Turkey Lira	295508	275630
Hong Kong $	13.42	12.22	USA $	1.734	1.591
Iceland	128	108			
Ireland Pt	1.17	1.08			
Israel Shk	5.98	5.33			
Italy Lira	2968	2731			
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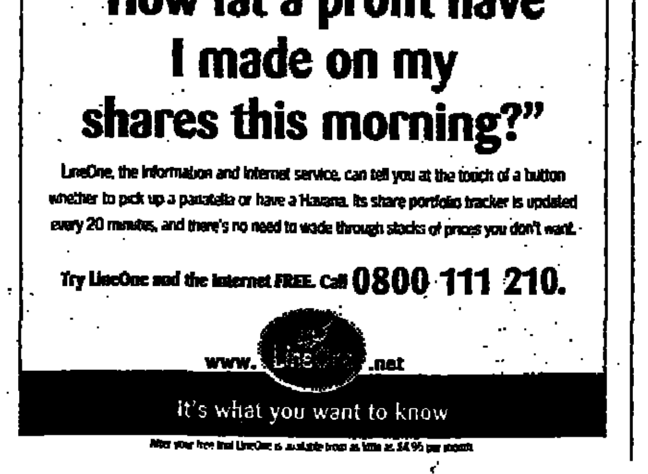

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Competition in water industry flounders

THE FIRST attempt to sell water competitively has hit a hitch after only a few hours of supply. Anglian Water's pioneering move to supply Buxted Chickens in Suffolk via a new 3.5 km pipeline was halted last week shortly after the supply to the factory had been turned on. The factory was switched back to Essex & Suffolk, *its original* regional water company, while Anglian engineers work to reconnect the first competitive commercial customer.

A spokesman for Anglian said that the extent of the problem was being assessed. Early investigations indicate pressure difficulties, which Anglian said was common in new mains pipes. The first move for competition in water was endorsed by Ofwat in June. While there has been some enthusiasm for competition throughout the water network, it is difficult to achieve because of technological and geographical factors. Anglian also has plans to treat sewage at an old RAF site near Doncaster, South Yorkshire.

PIA fine for adviser

THE Personal Investment Authority has fined R H Asset Management, a financial adviser in Orpington, Kent, £10,000 and £1,000 costs after it failed to comply promptly with an award made against it by the PIA Ombudsman. In *April the Ombudsman* ordered the firm to pay £37,700 in compensation to an investor. Payment was not made until July. Meanwhile, the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation has reprimanded Johnson Fry Asset Managers for failing to register two individuals involved in securities transactions, even after the omission was noticed in August 1996. Imro ordered Johnson Fry to pay £1,250 costs.

Bonds workers strike

THOUSANDS of Premium Bonds workers are to stage a one-hour strike tomorrow in protest at plans to privatise the National Savings Agency. Members of the Public Services Tax and Commerce Union at the agency, which deals with Premium Bonds, savings certificates, children's and pension bonds have voted to take industrial action because they oppose staff being transferred out of the civil service. Up to 4,000 workers at the National Savings centres in Blackpool, Glasgow and Durham will walk out for an hour from 11am in action aimed at highlighting the campaign rather than disrupting the service.

Scotch crackdown

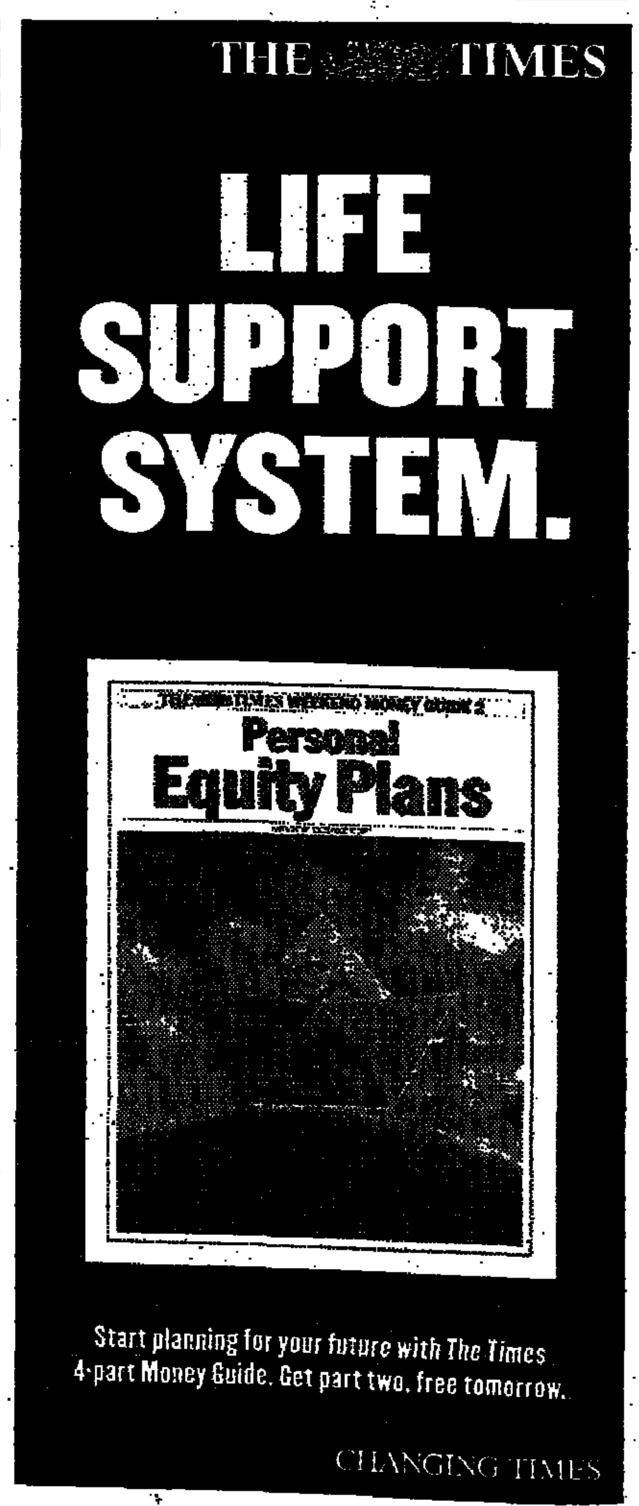
THE Scottish whisky industry welcomed news that the Taiwan Government is to crack down on the import of counterfeit whisky. Brian Wilson, Industry Minister at the Scottish Office, said after a meeting in Taipei that he had been assured that legislation is to be passed "within a few *months*", aimed at eliminating counterfeit Scotch whisky, which is believed to account for about two thirds of all whisky sold in Taiwan. Mr Wilson also claimed that the Taiwanese had agreed a legal definition of whisky and he was satisfied that the legislation would go ahead.

BTP to sell Mydrin

BTP, the speciality chemicals group, has confirmed that it is to sell Mydrin, its industrial adhesives and textiles coatings business. Mydrin made an operating profit of £5.3 million on sales of £108 million in the year to March 31, but the company offers lower margins than the speciality and fine chemicals businesses on which BTP is now focusing. It was suggested yesterday that Mydrin, one of the European leaders in its markets, might be sold for up to £100 million. SBC Warburg Dillon Read is handling the sale.

Allied London deal

ALLIED LONDON PROPERTIES has completed, with Roxylight, the purchase of Artillery Mansions, a redundant apartment complex in Victoria Street, central London. Allied London said the 1½-acre site has been granted planning permission for redevelopment as 187 apartments. The refurbished front block will provide 46 luxury flats, while consent has been given for new buildings at the rear containing 141 flats. The development is to be financed by a non-recourse phased loan arranged by Barclays specialist property finance team and Pall Mall corporate banking centre.



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Now the party is over

COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

Fun-loving stock market bulls have had a pretty awful two days. On Wednesday Alan Greenspan, redoubtable chairman of the US Federal Reserve, arrived on the scene, warning against ramping share prices even further, like a policeman interrupting a rave and asking the kids to turn the music down. Yesterday, the Bundesbank came along, shut the party down and arrested everybody.

The clear message from Washington and Bonn is that interest rates are going up and that is not good news for the richly valued stock markets of New York and London. Mr Greenspan made it clear that, new economic paradigms notwithstanding, unemployment in America could not go on falling for ever without igniting inflation. He said so much last December, when he warned Wall Street of irrational exuberance, prompting sharp falls in share prices. This time his warning to asset markets was, if anything, more explicit but Wall Street dropped by a mere 1 per cent. It was clear, even before the stunning events in Europe, that Mr Greenspan was going to have to follow his verbal warning shot with a concrete move to tighten money.

That prospect is even more likely, and is sure to come more quickly, because of the Bundesbank-led round of European rate rises yesterday. Although the initial reaction in the currency markets was relatively undramatic, it seems likely that the mark will profit — and the dollar suffer — over the next few months from the Bundesbank's aggressive bid to take back control of events in Europe. For months, markets and unemployment-ridden European governments have been comfortable in the thought that the euro was destined to be a soft currency that would foster growth and jobs. The Bundesbank has changed that perception. Whatever the politicians want, it will not brook anything but a hard euro, backed by relatively high interest rates, to ensure something close to price stability.

Britain is left in an interesting position. In order to join the single currency in the first wave, its interest rates would have to "converge" sharply downwards. If the Government had ever been serious in this aim, yesterday, to an extent, could be a source of rejoicing. Convergence would happen more by German rates rising than British rates falling. This would mitigate fears of an inflationary boom on its eventual entry to the euro.

But the fact is that it is inconceivable, economically and politically, for Britain to join in the first wave. Gordon Brown can therefore enjoy a decline in the pound against the mark from the sidelines and the Bank of England will raise base rates next month. Just remember that the last time the Bundesbank raised rates led to sterling's exit from the exchange-rate mechanism and freedom to scramble to economic recovery. Let us hope the latest Bundesbank move serves to reemphasise the joys of an independent monetary policy.

Landmark decision for out-of-towners

As Environment Secretary, John Gummer was as rabidly opposed to out-of-town development as he was (vicariously) enthusiastic about hamburgers. All the indications have been that his successors might share his views, at least as far as development was concerned — when it comes to dining, new Labour is rather more fond of polenta and Pont de la Tour than Big Macs and Burger King.

But yesterday brought a cheering prospect for developers who want to venture beyond the confines of existing town centres. The High Court ruled that Mr Gummer might have been a touch heavy-handed in vetoing plans for an out-of-town cinema complex in Hampshire. Now his successor, the deputy prime minister himself, will have to take a look at the proposals and come to his own conclusion.

Mr Prescott may care to take into account the fact that 300,000 people in the area have registered their wish that the project should proceed, as has the local council. Does fun-loving Mr Prescott want to prevent all those voters enjoying an evening's entertainment with the benefit of easy parking?

The company battling for permission to build the cinema is Virgin, but we must resist the temptation to dismiss this as a mere publicity stunt: Richard Branson did not turn up in court disguised as a martyr. The judge was sufficiently convinced by Virgin's case to award the company its costs.

The battle could have significance reaching far beyond the cinema screen. Retailers, particularly supermarket operators, find it increasingly difficult to win planning permission for the scale of development that they know customers want. Often, as in the Virgin case, the local authority will back them only to find the Department of the Environment says no.

Elliott Bernerd's Chelsfield has turned its Merry Hill shopping centre into the new Dudley, to the extent that the local councillors enthusiastically gave their blessing to plans to extend the development substantially. After the inevitable protracted inquiry, the Government refused permission, a decision with few obvious beneficiaries. Mr Prescott's eventual decision on the Virgin case could set the tone for a more sensible approach to planning. If Virgin excels in any direction, it is in understanding the customer, and customers want to see out-of-town development. For customers, politicians could read voters.

Spring cleaning Fraser-style

When the spring clean extends to throwing in the kitchen sink, it can produce a remarkable shine. House of Fraser's decision in April to provide £53.2 million to cover for past mistakes was a nasty shock at the time, but months on, the pain is nearly forgotten and the company basks in a new sheen.

Yesterday the talk was of rising sales and margins. It seems almost churlish to point out that there was a first-half loss of £1.8 million, although £14.6 million of those provisions were used, a chunk of that relating to stock disasters that had to be cleared. "Off-strategy stock," was the official description for the fashion disasters that had to be almost given away.

But Fraser may be finding its niche again, under the direction of John Coleman, chief executive, and the kitchen sink job has certainly brought him time. Fraser's success will depend on re-establishing itself as the first choice department store in its chosen, generally provincial, locations. In spite of the optimistic tone of the comments, some of its London stores still seem to worryingly short on customers.

Coleman is trying to address the problems that have dogged the business in the past: the catalogue ranges from merchandise to systems, underlining the poorly state of the company when he arrived. But he has decided he cannot do it alone. Students of consultancy fees will grimace as they learn that a key information technology project, "essential to the group's future success" is now in the tender care of Andersen Consulting.

Sugar and Spice

PICKING winners is something the Government has said it is anxious to avoid but Character Group, the quoted toy company, is demonstrating the rewards of the strategy. Character, the company that put Buzz Lightyear on toy shop shelves, has won the privilege, and profits, of distributing the official Spice Girls dolls. Sadly, the dolls will not be on sale in time for Christmas but would-be It Girls might prefer a few shares.

Adscene points the way to local press revival

By Raymond Snoddy
Media Editor

ADSCENE, the local newspaper group, yesterday launched the first new paid-for weekly newspaper in Kent for a generation.

More than 26,000 copies of the *Canterbury Times* went on sale yesterday at 25p to compete against the existing *Kentish Gazette*, part of the Kent Messenger company.

David Fordham, managing director of Adscene's publishing division, said: "Our research shows there is room for an alternative."

There have not been competing paid-for local newspapers in Canterbury for more than 20 years, since the closure of the *Kentish Observer and Canterbury Times*. Paradoxically, the arrival of Adscene with its free papers in Canterbury may originally have made life difficult for paid-for titles there.

The *Canterbury Times* launch is further evidence of local and regional newspapers staging a comeback, partly because newsprint prices have fallen and classified advertising is currently high. The Newspaper Society, the regional press body, says that more than 50 per cent of local titles lifted circulation in the first half of this year.

Britton braced for hostile US takeover bid

By Fraser Nelson

BRITTON, the plastics and packaging group whose market value has crumbled this year, was last night braced for a hostile takeover battle after rejecting a £167 million approach from a US rival.

The company, which owns the largest standalone cardboard box producer in the US, dismissed the prospect of a 120p a share offer from rival Caraustar Industries as "absurdly cheap." Robin Williams, Britton's chief executive, is understood to be seeking nearer 180p a share, which would value the recovering company at about £250 million — almost four times its July market value.

Caraustar, a £500 million packaging group listed in New York, was last night understood to be calling a board meeting to draw up terms for a formal hostile bid. Tom Brown, its president, said the company was not going to lift its valuation of £167 million.

He said: "The price we have mentioned would be a full and fair offer and we will certainly not chase this one any higher. We just don't see Britton achieving the kind of earnings the analysts are forecasting. As an American company, we know the market is more competitive now than it has ever been."

Mr Williams, a former merchant banker who set up Britton five years ago, said company had been given less than 24 hours to respond to Caraustars' suggestion of 120p a share. He said: "It would be mad to sell out for this price at a time when we are turning the company around. If they are buying an American business, they should pay American prices, which is substantially more then 120p a share."

Britton's main asset is UPC, which is the largest US cardboard carton market remaining independent of sawmills and pulp suppliers.

The company is the biggest buyer of carton-fodder in America, and has a 7 per cent share in the North American food box market. It had been suffering, slowing of sales growth, but last month won a £20 million contract to make boxes for Kellogg's Pop Tarts. Caraustar, by contrast, has less than 3 per cent of this market but has sawmills which it would like to link to UPC's factories. It has about18 per cent of its other markets, which include cardboard tubes, laminated and facing paper.

Britton's shares shot from 85p to 117½p yesterday. They have fallen from 168p to 51p in the past 12 months, after the company gave warning of its slowdown in the US and problems with UK exports — which count for less than 15 per cent of sales. Analysts said the 120p was still cheap, coming as a 11.4 multiple to the expected 10.5p earnings per share Britton is expected to make next year.

One said that institutions, which own 80 per cent of the company's shares, were still fresh with the pain of watching the value of their investment plunge by 70 per cent over the past 12 months.

A statement from Caraustar is expected today.

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LucasVarity names new chairman

By Adam Jones

LUCASVARITY, the car parts and aerospace group, has appointed Ed Wallis, chairman of PowerGen, as its new non-executive chairman. Mr Wallis will succeed Sir Brian Pearse, 64, who is due to stand down at the annual meeting in May 1998.

Mr Wallis, 57, is already a non-executive director, having joined the board of Lucas Industries in 1995. He also chairs LucasVarity's audit committee.

Mr Wallis takes up the position of deputy chairman immediately in anticipation of Sir Brian's retirement. He described Sir Brian as the "leading architect" of the merger between Lucas Industries and Varity last year.

Reshuffle likely at BNB Resources

By Jon Ashworth

DAVID NORMAN is expected to announce today that he is stepping back from the day-to-day running of BNB Resources, the recruitment to training group.

Graham Durgan, who runs BNB's training arm, is tipped to take over from Mr Norman, who is likely to become non-executive chairman.

Mr Norman is expected to remain chairman of Norman Broadbent International (NBI), the group's headhunting arm, which has suffered widespread defections in the past two years.

BNB publishes its results for the half year to June 30 today. The management reshuffle comes at a difficult time for Mr Norman, who has been struggling to compensate for loss of revenues at NBI.

Former key NBI earners, including Miles Broadbent, the NBI co-founder, and Julian Sainty, a financial services specialist, quit the firm in 1996.

However, they were obliged to hand more than 50 per cent of their earnings for the first 12 months, cushioning the impact of their departure.

These "lock-in" agreements expired earlier in the year. In a further blow, several NBI recruitment consultants have resigned, but are working out a one-year notice period.

NBI's operating income fell 33 per cent in the year to December 31 and is certain to have suffered a further steep decline. The figures may be buoyed by a contribution from Goodman Graham, an IT recruitment specialist.

Mr Norman declined to comment yesterday. Mr Durgan has been on the BNB board for five years.

Profits of marketing firms double

By Raymond Snoddy
Media Editor

THE TOP 50 marketing services groups in the UK have almost doubled pre-tax profits to £332 million, the highest level since 1991, according to a new survey.

The annual Willott Kingston Smith survey, the accountants specialising in the sector, showed that spending by clients increased 7 per cent, compared with the previous year's growth of 10 per cent. But operating profit margins on gross income have improved from 9.1 per cent to 10.6 per cent.

Bob Willott, author of the seventh annual survey, says the overall impression is of a financially more stable and prosperous industry than for many years.

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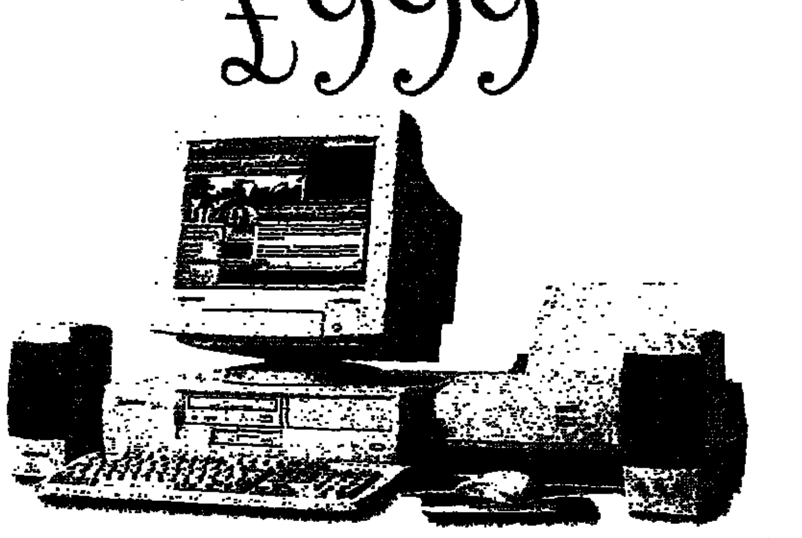

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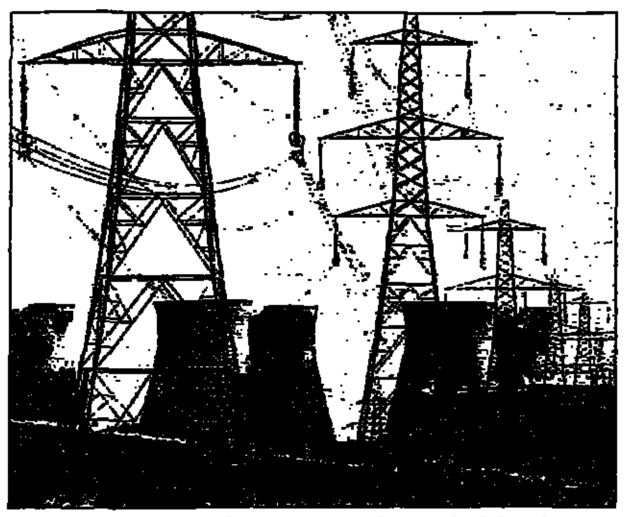


British Energy shares powered ahead, rising 21p

ANOTHER sharp opening fall on Wall Street, combined with a series of European interest rate rises, hammered share prices and government bonds on the London stock market.

Equities came under further pressure after another bad start, reflecting overnight losses in New York on the back of comments on Wednesday by Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve Chairman.

The decision of the Bank of England to peg interest rates at 7 per cent brought a sigh of relief. But it proved short-lived, with the Bundesbank's move to raise rates catching traders on the hop. This was followed by similar moves from the French, Belgian, Dutch and Danish central banks, while the centre-left Italian Government collapsed after the Communists withdrew support.

Traders were still struggling to contain the situation when the Dow Jones industrial average weighed in with fresh losses.

At one stage, the FTSE 100 index plunged 96 points, matching a similar loss for the Dow Jones industrial during the first hour of trading in New York.

But the absence of any real *sell-off in London enabled the* index to more than halve its earlier deficit to end a volatile session 44.3 down at 5,217.8. Total turnover reached 823 million shares.

Lloyds TSB retreated 8½p to 782½p amid whispers that it was planning a rights issue at 700p. The speculators say it wants the extra cash to bid for **Norwich Union**, unchanged at 348p.

But the speculators suffered a setback in **Barclays Bank**, with the shares falling 20p to £16.27½ after Commerzbank ruled itself out of the bidding for BZW. Barclays put BZW up for sale last week, but will be retaining the more lucrative parts. Some estimates claim the rump of the business is worth £500 million.

Short covering after Wednesday's steep fall lifted **Bank of Scotland** 15½p to 516½p, but rival **Royal Bank of Scotland** lost an early lead to finish 7½p easier at 680p despite some positive comments from NatWest Securities, the broker.

Overnight weakness in Hong Kong left HSBC nursing a loss of 43p at £20.55, while **NatWest Bank** fell 38½p to 935½p despite suggestions it may be close to finding a buyer for its investment banking arm.

Michael Green's Carlton Communications finished 7p cheaper at 528½p while **Granada**, its digital broadcast partner, was 2p firmer at 888½p. Between them they have set up British Digital Broadcasting to develop 20 new channels. Whispers in the Square Mile suggest Bill Gates's Microsoft has been knocking at their door.

The rise in German rates hit those companies with operations there. **RMC Group** was the worst affected, falling 51p to 947p along with insurers such as **General Accident**, 54p off at £10.66½, and **Guardian Royal Exchange**, 10½p lower at £318p.

British Energy continued to make the most of this week's upgrade from Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, with a rise of 21p to 400p.

Britton Group stood out with a leap of 32½p at 117½p after receiving a bid apprach from Carauster, the US group which was to negotiate an agreed 120p a share offer. Britton said it would reject any such offer at that level. Such a bid would put a price tag on the paper and packaging group of £167 million.

T&N firmed 5p to 250½p with the speculators still pinning their hopes on Federal Mogul of the US raising its offer for the company. The current offer is worth 235p.

A profits warning took the shine off **Elbief**, with the price ending 6p down at 30p. The household products group says sales in the first half have been below expectations.

United Assurance was a weak market, falling 16p to 481½p after HSBC James Capel, the broker, continued to take an increasingly bearish view of prospects.

News of the link-up with Sankyo of Japan put fresh life into **Vanguard Medica**, 22½p better at 447½p.

Colt Telecom added a further 33p to 586½p as Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the broker, *reiterated its positive stance on* the shares.

There has been a big buyer sniffing around in AIM-listed **Freepages**, unchanged at 35½p. Several large lines of stock went through on the ticker yesterday, including 250,000 at 35½p and a further 200,000 at 36p.

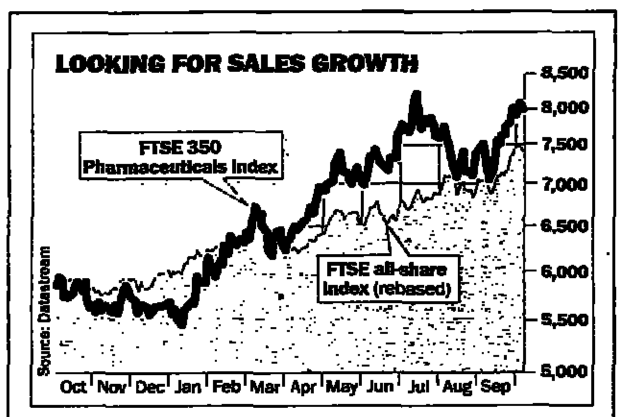
Shares of **FNR Holdings** were suspended at 22½p on AIM, pending clarification of the company's financial position.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** The rise in European interest rates turned the bond market on its head.

In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt fell £⅝ to close at £118³¹⁄₃₂ as the total number of contracts completed reached 136,000.

In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 fell sharply in late trading to close £¹⁵⁄₁₆ off at £115¹¹⁄₁₆, while in shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £¹⁄₁₆ off at £103¹⁄₁₆.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Trading calmed down after an early rout of blue chips in response to interest rate rises in Europe. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 41.99 points lower at 8,053.07.



US DRUG companies continue to outperform their European counterparts as *optimism about the outcome* of third-quarter earnings continues to improve. According to Kevin Scotcher, of NatWest Securities, the broker, British drug companies are just 3 per cent above their relative 12-month low against the Americans, providing investors plenty of scope to pick up cheap stock.

Zeneca stood out with a jump of 25p to £21.32½, amid revived talk that Astra, the Swedish drugs group may bid. Mr Scotcher is sceptical: "Astra faces problems with the expiry of Losec, and any link-up with Zeneca *is unlikely unless* the group [Zeneca] can foresee problems with its cost base beyond 2001. That seems unlikely with Zeneca due to launch several new products soon."

Instead he urges clients to switch out of Zeneca and into Glaxo Wellcome.

"Investors should be looking for those companies with long-term sales. What looks like good sales growth today will not necessarily give good value in 12 months," he adds.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 8053.07 (-41.99)
S&P Composite .... 970.41 (-3.43)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 17376.92 (-242.26)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 14273.12 (-565.40)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 916.14 (-28.95)

Sydney:
AO .... 2722.20 (-46.20)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 4243.01 (-104.23)

Singapore:
Straits .... 1863.07 (-18.96)

Brussels:
General .... 13896.37 (-194.37)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 2960.65 (+3.43)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 1220.60 (-13.10)

London:
FT 30 .... 3359.7 (-28.1)
FTSE 100 .... 5217.8 (-44.3)
FTSE 250 .... 4864.6 (-17.7)
FTSE 350 .... 2509.6 (-19.0)
FTSE Eurotrack 100 .... 2708.37 (-66.64)
FTSE All-Share .... 2451.49 (-17.64)
FTSE Non Financials .... 2460.82 (-14.23)
FTSE Fixed Interest .... 132.67 (-0.56)
FTSE Govt Secs .... 100.13 (-0.57)
Bargains 48112
SEAQ Volume 823.6m
US$ .... 1.6268 (+0.0045)
German Mark .... 2.8290 (-0.0162)
Exchange Index .... 100.2 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.4394
£:SDR 1.1850
RPI .... 159.3 Sep (3.6%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX .... 157.8 Sep (2.7%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Aggreko	171	- 2½
Buckland Inv Wrts	10	...
Buckland Inv	17½	...
Cairngorm Dem IT	94½	...
Cairngrm Dem Wrt	16½	...
Cambury Inv Wrts	¼	- ½
Cambury Invesments	2½	- ½
Computerland UK	140½	...
Creative Publishing	158½	- 2
I S Solutions	147½	...
Latchways (155)	174½	...
NSB Retail Sys	152½	+ 2
Northern Rock	481½	+ ½
SHL Group	267½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Consid Coal n/p (5)	1¼	...
Premier Asset n/p (13)	1¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Colt Telecom .... 586½p (+33p)
Gearhouse Gp .... 385p (+18½p)
Hozelock .... 334p (+13p)
Peel .... 656½p (+25p)
First Leis .... 291½p (+11p)
BTP .... 358p (+13p)
Capital Radio .... 528p (+16p)
Irish Cont .... 790p (+20p)
Select App .... 599p (+10½p)

FALLS:
Ramco Egy .... 835p (-60p)
RMC Gp .... 947p (-51p)
Coriecs .... 173½p (-8p)
Norbain .... 334p (-15p)
Utd Assurance .... 481½p (-16p)
GRE .... 318p (-10½p)
Jarvis .... 282½p (-9p)
Meyer Int .... 422½p (-12p)
Ranger .... 581½p (-16p)
Prudential .... 674p (-18p)
Royal & Sun Al .... 611p (-15p)
Br Airways .... 632½p (-15p)
Redland .... 240p (-8½p)
Caradon .... 190½p (-8p)
Innovative Tech .... 170p (-25p)
Biotech Inv .... 320p (-8½p)
BPB .... 350p (-9p)

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TEMPUS

Rational exuberance

IF US stock markets are exuberant, London is in a playful mood. The gyrations of the last two days suggest a degree of nervousness, but whose nerves are on edge? Alan Greenspan's third warning sent London market-makers into initial rapid retreat, but the volume of stock traded yesterday — 800 million shares — was no more than a normal day's trading.

Mr Greenspan's concern is that market valuations have run ahead of realistic expectations. A quick glance at the US market provides some scope for concern with the Standard & Poor's industrials index showing a historic price earnings ratio of 25. Such a ratio might suit a market in early recovery but Mr Greenspan fears that a tight labour market will soon command higher wages, leading to higher costs and weaker productivity. Hardly a recipe for earnings growth. Is this the outlook in Britain? Perhaps, but the concerns are not nearly as acute. Unemployment is almost a percentage point higher and investors are expecting slower earnings growth. The FTSE 100 is discounting some 19 years of *earnings on a historic* basis and about 16.5 years looking a year ahead. A small upward move in interest rates in November is expected but thereafter the bond market says that rates will fall; better news for earnings as is the prospect of a weaker pound. Still, it is worrying to see high P/Es in a mature share market and the current high real interest rates makes cash look inviting. That is unlikely to sway British institutions, which are already cash rich and worried about keeping pace with the FTSE. Unless you can predict the market downturn, there is little point in worrying about exuberance.

Britton

JUST as it seemed that our downtrodden paper and packaging industry would never find a friend, an American suitor is sidling up to the sector's ugly duckling, Britton Group.

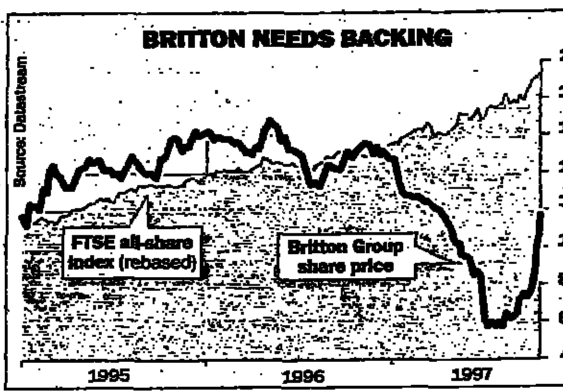
As this column pointed out last Saturday, Britton was ridiculously cheap at 78½p. Caraustars offer of 120p, at 11.7 times next year's earnings, looks a less unreasonable price but either this American or another should be able to pay much more.

Caraustars is after UPC, Britton's US hardboard carton business. It cares little for the nappy-lining business in the *UK. Caraustars intends* to integrate vertically UPC to its own sawmills. This would guarantee a flood of revenue while filling a hole in its packaging portfolio.

Stateside, packaging is a healthier market with companies valued on multiples of 17 times. If Caraustars was playing at home, *its 120p* offer would be laughed out of town and this is a US, not a British story.

Caraustars insists it will not give chase. But the institutions do not appear keen to sell out leaving the American with three options: crawl home, watch UPC walked up the aisle by one of its *richer* rivals, or eat its *words and come up with a* higher offer.

So far, the share market remains cautious, with the shares lingering at 117½p but no one, probably not even Cantor, thinks Britton will be plucked off the shelf for less than 130p.



Celsis

CELSIS International must be the safest — and dullest — share in the loosely defined biotechnology sector. The price has seemed to hover within a few pence of 100p since it was floated at that level some four years ago.

Through all that time Celsis has made the odd move or two, but its basic story has changed little. It still proclaims the apparently huge time savings offered by *its rapid contamination monitors*. Its gadgets, based on a technique called bioluminescence, can check for the presence of microbes in a fraction of the time taken by the century-old method that relies on plates of agar jelly.

Although Celsis seemed to be pushing at an open door, its progress has been painfully slow. The company has blamed the conservatism of its market — not an entirely convincing explanation. Still, Celsis is finally beginning to motor. Sales are climbing rapidly, it is set to break into profit this year, and it should make serious money in 1998-9. It has also agreed a deal with Becton Dickinson, the large American healthcare company that is the leading supplier of culture plates to industrial microbiologists.

Even on the most conservative forecast, *Celsis, at 98p, is* priced at only 13 times next year's earnings and less than 10 times its own broker's profit estimate — not bad given the growth prospects. Celsis may finally be about to produce a result.

Chesterton

CHESTERTON has been a somewhat poor advertisement for the skills it purports to sell. The surveying firm is paying £2 million in rent on buildings it no longer requires. That liability, high overheads and generally poor accounting controls, will leave its investors nursing a thumping great loss for the year. Michael Holmes, chief executive, is attempting to instil some discipline among the unruly wheelers and dealers that make up your average estate agent.

There is no reason why surveying should not be a profitable occupation and rival firms, such as Savills, make a decent return but this *industry suffers from the* same ailment as the securities industry: an obsessive desire to raise fixed costs. Surveyors, like investment bankers, want to be cosseted with fine buildings and high salaries, which could only be justified if the level of business at the peak of the cycle remained constant. If Holmes can pare down the cost-base, sell the tangential businesses and use the cash to buy out the lease liabilities, he will have a business worth running in a market that is looking good for the first time in half a decade. But this company is still in the operating theatre.

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BRITISH FUNDS

1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
106²⁷⁄₃₂	100²¹⁄₃₂	Exch 15% 1997	100²¹⁄₃₂	-¹⁄₃₂	14.95	7.33
115⅜	113²⁹⁄₃₂	Treas 4¾% 1998	115¹³⁄₁₆		4.00	6.71
103¾	100²⁵⁄₃₂	Exch 9¾% 1998	100²⁹⁄₃₂	-³⁄₃₂	9.69	7.03
101¹³⁄₃₂	100⁵⁄₃₂	Treas 7¼% 1998	100¼	-¹⁄₃₂	7.24	7.09
110¾	104¹⁄₃₂	Treas 14% 1998-01	104⁷⁄₁₆	-¹⁄₁₆	13.46	7.08
114⁹⁄₃₂	107¾	Treas 15½% 1998	107¾	-¹⁄₃₂	14.39	7.11
109²⁵⁄₃₂	105¹⁄₃₂	Exch 12% 1998	105¹⁄₃₂	-³⁄₃₂	11.43	7.15
105⅞	102¼	Treas 9½% 1999	102¾	-¹⁄₁₆	9.25	7.14
111¹⁄₁₆	107	Exch 12¼% 1999	107	-¹⁄₃₂	11.45	7.14
108¹⁵⁄₁₆	105⁹⁄₃₂	Treas 10½% 1999	105⁹⁄₃₂	-¹⁄₃₂	9.99	7.08
99¹⁄₃₂	96²³⁄₃₂	Treas 6% 1999	98⅛	-¹⁄₃₂	6.10	6.99
109¼	106⁹⁄₃₂	Conv 10¼% 1999	106⁹⁄₃₂	-³⁄₃₂	9.66	7.08
105½	104⅛	Conv 9% 2000	104¼	-⅛	8.63	7.03
104¹³⁄₃₂	102¹⁄₁₆	Treas 8% 2000	103¹⁄₁₆	-³⁄₁₆	7.76	6.89
104⁹⁄₃₂	102¹⁷⁄₃₂	Treas 8½% 2000	102²⁷⁄₃₂	-⅛	8.26	7.08
119¹⁄₁₆	114²⁵⁄₃₂	Treas 13% 2000	114²⁵⁄₃₂	-³⁄₃₂	11.33	7.02
112¹¹⁄₁₆	98²⁹⁄₃₂	Treas 10% 2001	109⁹⁄₃₂	-¹⁄₁₆	9.17	6.92
101¹⁵⁄₁₆	98⁷⁄₃₂	Treas 7% 2001	100¹⁵⁄₁₆	-⅛	6.94	6.89
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
102¹⁵⁄₁₆	97²⁷⁄₃₂	Treas 7% 2002	101½	-¹⁄₁₆	6.90	6.84
122⅛	109½	Treas 9¾% 2002	112⁹⁄₃₂	-¹⁄₁₆	8.68	6.74
107¹¹⁄₃₂	102⅝	Treas 8% 2003	106⅜	-⅛	7.53	6.64
117⅝	111⅛	Treas 10% 2003	115²³⁄₃₂	-⅛	8.63	6.70
116⁷⁄₁₆	113¾	Treas 11½% 2001-04	113⁹⁄₃₂	-¹⁄₃₂	10.10	6.91
90⁷⁄₃₂	82²⁵⁄₃₂	Fund 3½% 1999-04	89⅝	-¹⁄₁₆	3.90	5.50
118⁹⁄₃₂	109¹⁵⁄₁₆	Conv 9½% 2004	116⁵⁄₁₆	-¹⁄₁₆	8.18	6.60
102¹⁵⁄₁₆	94¼	Treas 6¾% 2004	101½	-⅛	6.68	6.56
114⅛	104¹⁹⁄₃₂	Treas 8½% 2005	112¹⁄₁₆	-³⁄₁₆	7.59	6.56
122¹⁵⁄₁₆	110¹³⁄₁₆	Conv 9½% 2005	116¹³⁄₃₂	-¹⁄₁₆	8.13	6.57
130¹¹⁄₁₆	124⅝	Treas 12½% 2003-05	128¹¹⁄₁₆	-⁵⁄₃₂	9.71	6.89
108¹⁵⁄₁₆	98⁷⁄₃₂	Treas 7½% 2006	106⅞	-⅛	7.04	6.53
110⁹⁄₃₂	99²¹⁄₃₂	Treas 7¾% 2006	107¹⁵⁄₁₆	-⅛	7.19	6.57
108¾	100¹⁹⁄₃₂	Treas 8% 2002-06	104¹⁵⁄₁₆	-¹¹⁄₃₂	7.63	6.63
127²⁵⁄₃₂	115²⁹⁄₃₂	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121¹⁵⁄₁₆	-¹⁵⁄₃₂	9.64	6.73
116⅝	105⁵⁄₃₂	Treas 8½% 2007	113²⁵⁄₃₂	-⁵⁄₁₆	7.48	6.57
107⅞	96⅝	Treas 7¼% 2007	105¹⁵⁄₁₆	-¹⁵⁄₃₂	6.87	6.49
127¼	108²⁵⁄₃₂	Treas 9% 2008	119²⁷⁄₃₂ †	-⅝	7.58	6.53
114⅝	101	Treas 8% 2009	111²⁷⁄₃₂	-¹⁵⁄₃₂	7.14	6.54
99¹⁵⁄₁₆	88¾	Treas 6¼% 2010	97⁵⁄₁₆	-⅝	6.42	6.55
124¹⁵⁄₁₆	109⅝	Conv 9% 2011	121¹⁵⁄₁₆	-²³⁄₃₂	7.39	6.56
125²⁵⁄₃₂	109¾	Treas 9% 2012	122²⁵⁄₃₂ †	-²⁵⁄₃₂	7.33	6.57
93¼	80¹⁵⁄₃₂	Treas 5½% 2008-12	91²⁵⁄₃₂	-²¹⁄₃₂	6.02	6.41
112²⁵⁄₃₂	98¹⁵⁄₃₂	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	110¹⁵⁄₃₂	-¾	7.01	6.62
LONGS (over 15 years)						
116⅝	100²⁵⁄₃₂	Treas 8% 2013	114⁵⁄₃₂	-⅝	7.02	6.56
118¹⁵⁄₁₆	101⅛	Treas 8% 2015	115¹¹⁄₁₆	-¹⁵⁄₁₆	6.92	6.51
126¹⁵⁄₁₆	108⅝	Treas 8¾% 2017	123²⁵⁄₃₂	-1⅛	7.06	6.57
121⅜	101⅛	Tr 8% 2021	118⅛	-1⅜	6.78	6.49
UNDATED						
54⅝	43²⁵⁄₃₂	War Ln 3½%	53⅜	-⅛	6.58	...
38⅛	30¹¹⁄₁₆	Treas 2½%	37⅜	-⅛	6.68	
59⅝	49⅞	Consols 4%	59¹⁄₁₆	+⅛	6.77	.
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					10%	5%
193½	184⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2001	192¹⁵⁄₁₆	-¹⁵⁄₃₂	2.42	3.19
190¹⁵⁄₁₆	180²⁵⁄₃₂	Treas IL 2½% 2003	189⅛	-¹⁵⁄₁₆	2.65	3.19
123¹⁄₁₆	117²⁵⁄₃₂	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	122¹¹⁄₃₂	-½	2.71	3.18
203²⁵⁄₃₂	190	Treas IL 2% 2006	202⅛	-⅝	2.85	3.21
185	170¹¹⁄₁₆	Treas IL 2½% 2009	183⅝	-²⁵⁄₃₂	2.90	3.18
192¹⁵⁄₁₆	176⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2011	191⅛	-½	2.94	3.19
159²⁵⁄₃₂	144²⁵⁄₃₂	Treas IL 2½% 2013	158⅛	-²⁵⁄₃₂	2.98	3.20
171¹⁵⁄₃₂	153¹⁵⁄₁₆	Treas IL 2½% 2016	170⅝	-¹⁵⁄₁₆	3.01	3.21
166⅛	147⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2020	164½	-²⁵⁄₃₂	3.07	3.23
139⅛	122½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	137¾	-²⁵⁄₃₂	3.08	3.23
136⅝	119¹⁵⁄₁₆	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	135	-²⁵⁄₃₂	3.07	3.22

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
ASDA	140	19	23	26	—	2½	3½
(*159)	160	2	9½	14	3½	8½	11
Abbey Nat	900	25½	74	91	7½	41½	56
(*918½)	950	4	49	66	35	68½	81½
All Leic	700	13	40½	56½	5	24½	35
(*705)	750	½	18	33½	44	53	62½
Alld Dom	460	31	43½	53	—	15½	20½
(*490½)	500	2½	21½	32½	11½	35½	40½
BAA	550	36	53	67	—	13½	18
(*585)	600	3	25	38½	17	34	38½
BAT Ind	500	44½	69	80	1	18½	28½
(*543½)	550	8½	40½	52½	15	40	52
Barclays	1600	39½	134	160	17½	85½	105
(*1621)	1700	4	87½	113	81½	140½	158
Bass	800	34½	60½	75½	1	28	36½
(*832½)	850	4	33½	50	21	53½	61½
Boots	900	12½	51½	74	10	39½	48½
(*902½)	950	½	29½	51	47½	65	76½
Br Airways	600	35	59½	75	1½	20	24½
(*633½)	650	6	32	48	21	42	47
BP	900	22	60	81	6½	35	45½
(*915½)	950	2	37½	58½	36	62	72
Br Steel	160	18½	22	27	—	2½	6½
(*178½)	180	2½	9½	15½	4	11	15
C&W	550	15½	44	60½	6	30	35
(*558½)	600	1½	24	38	42	57½	64
CU	750	49	87½	104	1½	27	41
(*797½)	800	16	60½	77	13	48	64
GlaxoW	1350	35½	105½	133	11	60	78
(*1373)	1400	11½	80	106½	35½	84	101
HSBC	2000	66	177½	224	15½	99½	138½
(*2050)	2100	15½	126½	172½	64	149	185
Halifax	700	28	58	67	1½	18	26½
(*726½)	750	1½	31	40	25	40½	51½
ICI	950	37	82	86½	2	29	46½
(*983)	1000	7½	55½	69½	21½	52	69½
Land Sec	1050	17	54	75	8½	34½	43
(*1058)	1100	1	31	50½	42½	62	69½
M&S	600	36½	56	70½	—	14	21
(*635½)	650	3½	28½	42½	17	36	41
Natl Pwr	500	37	55½	69½	½	18	22
(*536½)	550	2½	27½	40	17	39	42
Nat West	900	40	87	102½	3	38	52½
(*935½)	950	9	60	77	23	62	75½
Reuters	750	19	60½	71½	8	37	50½
(*762½)	800	1½	37	47½	39½	63½	76½
Ryl&Sun	600	16½	47½	63	5½	28½	42½
(*610½)	650	1	25	40½	40	57½	70
Safeway	360	19	32½	41½	½	12½	14½
(*378½)	390	1	18	26	12½	26½	29
Sainsbury	460	8½	27½	38½	3	20	25
(*463½)	500	—	11½	20½	36½	44½	48½
Shell	450	20½	41	—	3½	14	—
(*469)	500	½	17½	25½	32½	39	49
SmKl Bch	600	12½	45½	57	9	32½	43
(*602½)	625	3½	33½	44½	24½	48	56
Std Chtr	800	27	72½	87½	8½	43½	59
(*817)	850	6	48	63	37	68½	81½
Thames W	650	19	54	68	6½	33½	42½
(*861½)	900	2	30½	45½	39½	60	69
Vodafone	330	8½	26½	35	4	16	22
(*335)	360	—	14	23	25½	35½	38½
Woolwich	300	15	27½	34½	1	8½	14
(*314)	330	1	12½	18½	16½	23½	29½
Zeneca	2100	52	151	192½	13	77½	108½
(*2141)	2200	8½	101	142½	64½	126	154

	Series	Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
BTR	240	11½	21½	25	9½	17	22
(*241)	260	4½	12½	16½	22	27	33½
Blue Circ	360	33	45	51	5	11½	17½
(*387½)	390	13½	27	33½	16½	23	30½
Br Aero	1700	70	122½	154	38	66½	82½
(*1727½)	1800	28	74½	104	95	119½	134
Br Telcm	425	27½	38½	—	8½	23½	—
(*438)	465	9½	22	—	30½	45½	—
Cadbury	600	30½	49½	58½	11	21½	32
(*613½)	650	8½	25½	35	40½	48½	58½
Energy Gp	600	52½	59	64½	½	4	6
(*647½)	650	11½	25	32½	11½	19½	21
Gallaher	280	21	29½	34½	5	10	15½
(*294)	300	10½	18½	23½	14	18½	25
GEC	380	15½	26½	30½	13	22	25
(*381½)	420	5	14	25½	31½	39½	42
Grnd Met	550	38½	54	67½	8	20	27
(*577½)	600	12½	29	42½	32	46	52
Guinness	550	36½	54	62	7	17	23
(*575½)	600	10½	28	37	31	41½	47½
Hanson	280	17½	27½	33	5	10	16
(*290½)	300	7	17	22½	15	19½	26
Imp Tob	360	19	24½	30½	6½	17½	22½
(*370)	390	5½	11	17½	23	36½	40½
Kingfshr	800	57½	82½	92½	14½	29½	38
(*838)	850	25½	54½	65	34	49½	60½
Lasmo	280	12½	23	29	9½	16	20½
(*280½)	300	5½	15	21	22	27	32
Ladbroke	280	25½	35	39½	4½	9½	13
(*298)	300	14	24	29½	13	17½	22
LucasVar	220	10½	17½	23	7½	13½	15½
(*221½)	240	3½	9	14½	20	25½	27
P&O	700	36	56	61½	15	23	32
(*719½)	750	12	30½	35½	41	48	57½
Prudentl	650	40½	64	77	14½	26½	38
(*674)	700	14½	38½	52	38½	51½	62½
Rio Tinto	950	42	72	84½	18½	29	46
(*970)	1000	17	46	59	41	57½	71
Redland	240	12½	20	26	11	16	24
(*240)	260	6½	12½	18	26	29	36½
R-Royce	220	13	22½	26½	7	11½	15½
(*226½)	240	5	14	17½	18	22½	26
Tesco	460	17½	34½	45	12	20½	28
(*464)	500	4½	18	27	38	43	50
Utd Bisc	200	13½	18½	22½	4	6	9
(*207)	220	4½	10	13	15½	16	20

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
BG PLC	260	13½	21½	25½	14	18½	21½
(*260½)	280	6½	14	17½	27	30	33½
BSkyB	420	48	61	72	13	21	27
(*451½)	460	25	38½	52	30½	39	46
Br Bio	120	15½	26	32½	11½	16	20
(*124)	130	11	22	28½	17	21½	25½
Centrica	80	10½	15	16½	1	3½	5
(*88½)	90	4½	9½	11	5	8	9½
Dixons	650	51	70½	84½	19	32½	41
(*672½)	700	27½	47	58½	44½	55½	65½
EMI	575	40½	56½	—	28½	38½	—
(*580)	603	27½	44	—	43½	53½	—
Granada	850	64½	81	101	15	29	36½
(*888)	900	35½	53½	74	38½	51½	59½
GUS	700	38	57½	74	26½	37	43
(*703½)	750	17	35½	51½	55½	64	70
Lloyds TSB	750	65	86½	103½	25½	40	49½
(*781)	800	38½	61	78½	48½	63½	73½
Lonrho	110	8	10½	14	5	9	10
(*111½)	120	4	6	10	11	15	16
Norwich	330	27	37	40	6½	9½	13
(*348)	360	11	20	24½	19½	23	27
Orange	220	21½	30½	35½	4	8	10½
(*235)	240	10	19½	24½	12½	16½	19½
Railtrck	950	86½	109	133½	31½	48	52
(*997)	1000	58	84½	109	52	70½	74
Scot Pwr	460	29	41½	51	16	24½	29
(*471½)	500	11½	23	32	38	45	50½
Tarmac	120	10½	13	18	3	5	8½
(*125)	130	5	8	11	8	10	13
Tomkins	330	18½	25½	34	9	15	18½
(*335½)	360	6	12½	21	27	32	34½
Unilever	1800	137½	188	219	46½	72	99
(*1875)	1900	78	135	166½	86½	119	145

October 9 Total: 43446 Calls: 17195 Puts: 26251

FTSE INDEX (*5214)

Strike	Calls Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Jun	Puts Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Jun
5100	142½	234½	288	318½	468	30	96½	118	146	219
5150	106½	200	257	289	—	44½	114	138½	166	—
5200	76	171	225½	259	405	64	134	159	186½	257½
5250	49½	141½	194½	229½	—	90	156½	181	207½	—
5300	30	116	166	202	347½	122	184	206½	232	302
5350	17½	97½	143½	181	—	161	213½	236½	261	—
5400	9	76½	120½	160	301	206½	245	267½	290½	356½

October 9 Total: 12296 Calls: 5295 Puts: 7001

*Underlying security price

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Dec 97	119-16	119-18	118-14	118-31	138620
Previous open interest 199070	Mar 98				118-30	0
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Dec 97	103.16	103.22	102.31	102.49	339269
Previous open interest 324966	Mar 98	102.36	102.40	101.80	101.75	1019
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Dec 97	112.35	112.54	110.90	111.33	142322
Previous open interest 126128	Mar 98				111.28	0
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Dec 97	129.13	129.13	128.72	128.74	4420
	Mar 98	128.21	128.21	127.89	127.87	1919
Three Mth Sterling	Dec 97	92.53	92.57	92.52	92.54	26262
	Mar 98	92.49	92.55	92.47	92.50	25263
Previous open interest 621840	Jun 98	92.49	92.57	92.47	92.50	26973
Three Mth Euromark	Dec 97	96.39	96.40	96.21	96.22	160923
Previous open interest 1692402	Mar 98	96.14	96.16	95.93	95.94	132010
Three Mth Eurolira	Dec 97	93.79	93.80	93.55	93.66	44361
Previous open interest 463596	Mar 98	94.60	94.63	94.36	94.47	45451
Three Mth Euroyen	Mar 98				99.39	0
	Jun 98				99.31	0
Three Mth Euroswiss	Dec 97	98.17	98.17	97.93	97.93	34802
Previous open interest 163566	Mar 98	97.98	98.01	97.74	97.75	22138
Three Mth ECU	Dec 97	95.51	95.53	95.37	95.37	3373
Previous open interest 36100	Mar 98	95.44	95.46	95.30	95.32	1725
FTSE 100	Dec 97	5300.0	5328.0	5205.0	5264.0	14226
Previous open interest 74236	Mar 98				5312.0	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7 Finance Hse 7¾
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7⅛ Low 4 Week fixed: 7⅛
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6²⁹⁄₃₂ : 3 mth 6²⁹⁄₃₂ . Sell: 2 mth 6⅞ : 3 mth: 6⅞ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	7⅛-6¹⁵⁄₁₆	7⅛-7	7³⁄₁₆-7⅛	7⁵⁄₁₆-7³⁄₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates:	7³⁄₁₆-7¹⁄₁₆	7⁵⁄₁₆-7³⁄₁₆	7⁵⁄₁₆-7¼	7⁷⁄₁₆-7⁵⁄₁₆	7⁹⁄₁₆-7⁷⁄₁₆
Interbank:	7³⁄₁₆-7⅛	7⁵⁄₁₆-7³⁄₁₆	7⁵⁄₁₆-7¼	7⁷⁄₁₆-7⅜	7⁹⁄₁₆-7⁷⁄₁₆

Overnight: open 7⅛, close 6⅞.

Local Authority Deps:	7	n/a	7⅛	7⅜	7½
Sterling CDs:	7¼-7⅛	7⁵⁄₁₆-7¼	7⅜-7¼	7½-7⅜	7⁹⁄₁₆-7½
Dollar CDs:	5.54	n/a	5.63	5.69	5.89
Building Society CDs:	7³⁄₁₆-7¹⁄₁₆	7⁵⁄₁₆-7³⁄₁₆	7⁵⁄₁₆-7³⁄₁₆	7¹⁵⁄₃₂-7¹¹⁄₃₂	7⅝-7½

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5¾-5⅝	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5½-4½
Deutschemark:	3⅛-2¹⁵⁄₁₆	3⅛-3	3⁵⁄₁₆-3³⁄₁₆	3½-3⅜	3⅛-2¾
French Franc:	3⅛-3	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3⁵⁄₁₆	3⁵⁄₁₆-3⁷⁄₁₆	3⅛-2¾
Swiss Franc:	1⅝-1½	1¹¹⁄₁₆-1⁹⁄₁₆	1¹¹⁄₁₆-1⁹⁄₁₆	1¹¹⁄₁₆-1⁹⁄₁₆	1¼-¾
Yen:	½-⅜	⅝-½	⅝-½	⅝-½	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $334.00-334.30 Close: $330.35-330.85 High: $334.00-334.40
Low: $329.40-329.90 AM: $333.75 PM: $333.40

Krugerrand: $330.00-332.00 (£203.00-205.00)

Platinum: $434.00 (£266.90) Silver: $5.19 (£3.195) Palladium: $206.00 (£126.70)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for October 9	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.1813-3.2055	3.1849-3.1881	1¼-1pr	3½-3¼pr
Brussels	58.280-58.750	58.331-58.445	20-15pr	56-49pr
Copenhagen	10.755-10.834	10.767-10.778	⅞-⅛pr	1-⅝pr
Dublin	1.1084-1.1161	1.1105-1.1130	n/a	n/a
Frankfurt	2.8244-2.8467	2.8278-2.8309	1-¾pr	2½-2¼pr
Lisbon	287.81-289.94	288.07-288.39	1-¾pr	3-2½pr
Madrid	238.66-240.28	238.88-239.04	46-35pr	135-116pr
Milan	2783.7-2796.3	2786.7-2789.6	15pr-1ds	54-32pr
Montreal	2.2261-2.2406	2.2353-2.2373	0.69-0.63pr	1.35-1.27pr
New York	1.6214-1.6278	1.6256-1.6275	0.223-0.202pr	0.635-0.605pr
Oslo	11.432-11.465	11.443-11.450	⅝-⅛pr	1-⅝pr
Paris	9.4920-9.5630	9.5026-9.5111	3½-3pr	9½-9pr
Stockholm	12.184-12.286	12.554-12.269	⅝-⅛pr	⅝-⅛pr
Tokyo	196.51-197.38	196.93-197.20	1½-1pr	3½-3¼pr
Vienna	19.877-20.030	19.902-19.925	⅝-⅛pr	2-1½pr
Zurich	2.3411-2.3548	2.3537-2.3566	1½-1pr	3½-3¼pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3564-1.3574
Austria	12.21-12.22
Belgium (Com)	35.85-35.87
Canada	1.3755-1.3760
Denmark	6.6150-6.6170
France	5.8352-5.8372
Germany	1.7368-1.7373
Hong Kong	7.7355-7.7365
Ireland	1.4620-1.4640
Italy	1712.00-1713.00
Japan	121.10-121.15
Malaysia	3.0710-3.0785
Netherlands	1.9562-1.9572
Norway	7.0296-7.0346
Portugal	176.97-177.07
Singapore	1.5270-1.5300
Spain	146.68-146.86
Sweden	7.5326-7.5376
Switzerland	1.4460-1.4470

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6241-1.6268
Australia dollar	2.2070-2.2099
Bahrain dinar	0.6045-0.6185
Brazil real*	1.7805-1.7850
China yuan	13.284-13.584
Cyprus pound	0.8300-0.8490
Finland markka	8.4525-8.5935
Greece drachma	442.5-453.0
Hong Kong dollar	12.5795-12.5888
India rupee	58.12-59.42
Indonesia rupiah	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4875-0.4985
Malaysia ringgit	4.9971-5.0124
New Zealand dollar	2.5216-2.5251
Pakistan rupee	64.15 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8375-5.9725
Singapore dollar	2.4847-2.4911
S Africa rand (com)	7.4880-7.6570
U A E dirham	5.8900-6.0260

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	840	Legal & Gn	4,200
ASDA Gp	10,700	Lloyds TSB	12,800
Abbey Ntl	2,900	LucasVarity	699
Allnce & Leic	1,300	Marks Spr	3,800
Allied Dom	2,300	NatWst Bk	6,800
AB Foods	2,700	*Nat Grid*	2,500
BAA	1,600	Nat Power	3,000
BAT Inds	3,700	Next	3,500
BG	28,500	Norwich	13,200
BOC	411	Orange	571
BP	5,900	P & O	3,300
BSkyB	1,400	Pearson	1,000
BTR	7,300	PowerGen	1,200
BT	26,000	Prudential	5,600
Bk of Scot	14,900	RMC	869
Barclays	5,300	Railtrack	3,000
Bass	1,100	Rank Group	1,700
Billiton	3,600	Reckitt Col	586
Blue Circle	2,100	Reed Intl	3,200
Boots	2,000	Rentokil	5,200
BAe	1,900	Reuters	2,300
BA	3,800	Rio Tinto	2,600
British Land	3,400	Rolls Royce	5,900
Brit Steel	19,000	Royal & Sun	6,800
Cable Wire	4,900	Royal Bk Sct	4,700
Cadbury	2,200	Safeway	2,900
Carlton Cms	2,700	Sainsbury	1,100
Centrica	6,600	Schroders	123
Cm Union	1,200	Scot & New	832
Dixons	3,000	Scot Power	604
EMI	1,100	Svrn Trent	1,100
Energy Gp	542	Shell Trans	9,500
Enterpr Oil	1,600	Siebe	1,300
GKN	826	SmKl Bch	9,000
GRE	1,800	Smiths Inds	515
GUS	2,800	Std Chartd	6,300
Gen Acc	2,600	Sun Life	523
Gen Elec	6,800	TI Gp	625
Glaxo Well	3,700	Tesco	3,000
Granada	6,100	Thames W	514
Grand Met	2,900	Tomkins	2,600
Guinness	2,300	Unilever	1,600
HSBC	2,500	Utd Utilities	1,200
Halifax	4,500	Utd News	482
Hays	1,600	Vodafone	5,700
ICI	1,900	Whitbread	399
Kingfisher	709	Williams	1,000
LASMO	2,100	Wolseley	1,300
Ladbroke	9,900	Woolwich	10,000
Land Secs	3,100	Zeneca	2,200

WALL STREET

	Oct 9 midday	Oct 8 close
AMP Inc	53	53¼
AMR Corp	115¼	115⅝
AT & T	45¾	47⅛
Abbott Labs	64⅞	65¼
Advanced Micro	30⅞	30¾
Aetna Life	78¾	79⅛
Ahmanson (HF)	57	58
Air Prod & Chem	78¾	79⅛
AirTouch Comm	37⅛	37¼
Albertson's	35¹⁵⁄₁₆	36
Alcan Aluminum	32¾	32¾
Allied Signal	41⅛	41½
Alum Co of Am	79¼	80
Amerada Hess	61¼	61⅞
Amer El Power	45⅝	46⅛
Amer Express	83¹¹⁄₁₆	84⅛
Amer Genl Corp	54⅛	55⅛
Amer Home Pr	74¾	74¼
Amer Intl	107⅛	108⅛
Amer Stores	24¼	24⅞
Amer Standard	39⅞	39¾
Ameritech	67⅞	68
Amgen	49	49⅞
Amoco	96⅞	96¾
Andrew Corp	29	29¾
Anheuser-Busch	43⅛	43⅜
Apple Computer	21⅞	21⅞
Archer Daniels	23⅞	23⅞
Armco	5⅞	5⅞
Armstrong Wrld	66¼	67¼
Asarco	30⅛	30¼
Atl Richfield	86½	86¾
Atmel Corp	36¾	37
Auto Data Pro	50⅜	50⅝
Avery Dennison	41	41⅛
Avon Products	65½	66⅛
Baker Hughes	44½	45¼
Baltim Gas & El	27¼	27⅛
Banc One	57⅛	58⅛
BankAmerica	78½	78⅞
Bank of NY	49¾	51¼
Bankers Tr NY	123⅛	124⅛
Barnett Banks	74⅞	75¼
Bausch & Lomb	42⅛	43⅛
Baxter Intl	55⅞	56
Becton Dicknsn	49⅞	50⅛
Bell Atlantic	82¾	83⅛
BellSouth	47	47¼
Black & Decker	37⅞	37½
Block (H&R)	37¼	37½
Boeing	54	54¾
Boise Cascade	44⅛	44⅛
Boston Scien	54¼	55
Bristol Myrs Sq	87¾	87⅛
Browning Ferris	36½	37⅛
Brunswick	35⅞	35¾
Burlington Nthn	96⅛	96¾
CMS Energy Corp	37⅛	37¼
CPC Intl	95⅞	96¾
CSX	59⅞	59¾
Campbell Soup	51	51⅛
Carolina Pwr	35¾	35⅛
Case Corp	67½	67¾
Caterpillar	56¾	57¼
Central & SW	21⅞	22⅛
Champion Intl	64¾	63⅞
Chase Manhat	124¾	125⅞
Chevron Corp	86⅞	87⅛
Chrysler	33¾	33⅛
Chubb Corp	72⅞	73⅛
Cigna Corp	176¾	176¼
Citicorp	139	140⅛
Clorox	74⅛	74⅛
Coastal Corp	62⅞	63⅛
Coca Cola	61⅞	62⅞
Coca Cola Ent	27	27⅛
Colgate-Palm	72¾	73⅛
Columbia Gas	73¼	73⅛
ColumbiaHCA	28¾	28¾
Compaq Comp	76½	76½
Comp Ass Int	75¼	75¾
Conagra	32⅛	32⅛
Cons Edison	33¾	33⅛
Cons Nat Gas	58¼	58½
Cooper Inds	54⅛	54
Corestates	71½	71⅞
Corning Inc	45⅛	46¼
C'wide Credit	37⅛	37⅞
Crestar Finl	47⅛	47⅛
Crown Cork	46⅞	46⅞
Dana Corp	52⅛	52⅛
Dayton Hudson	59⅞	59⅛
Deere	54⅞	55¼
Delta Air Lines	97⅛	98⅛
Deluxe Corp	33¼	33¼
Digital Equip	47⅛	48⅛
Dillard Dept St	40	40⅛
Disney (Walt)	83¼	84
Dominion Res	37¼	37⅞
Donelley (RR)	34¼	34¼
Dover Corp	69½	68⅞
Dow Chemical	90⅞	91¼
Dow Jones	46½	47⅛
Dresser	43¾	44⅛
Duke Power	48⅞	49⅛
Dun & Bradstreet	27⅛	27⅛
Du Pont	60⅞	61¼
Eastman Chem	62⅛	62⅞
Eastman Kodak	62½	62⅞
Eaton Corp	98½	98½
Edison Int	25⅛	25⅛
Elect Data Sys	37½	37⅛
Emerson Elec	55⅞	56¼
Engelhard Corp	19½	19¼
Enron Corp	37⅞	38¼
Entergy	24¾	24½
Ethyl Corp	9⅛	9¼
Exxon	65	65
FMC Corp	87½	87⅞
FPL Group	49¾	50¾
Federal Express	73¼	74⅛
Fifth Third Banc	66¼	67¼
Fleet Finl Grp	67⅛	68¼
Fluor Corp	52⅞	52⅞
Ford Motor	49⅞	48¾
Fort James	45⅞	45½
Fortune Brands	33¼	33⅞
Franklin Res	96⅛	97½
GTE Corp	52¼	51⅞
Gannett	54⅞	55⅛
Gap Inc Del	49¾	49⅞
Gateway 2000	33¾	34⅛
Gen Dynamics	86½	87⅛
Gen Electric	70⅛	70⅛
Gen Mills	69⅞	69⅞
Gen Motors	68	67⅞
Gen Reinsurance	201¾	204⅛
Gen Signal	43¼	43⅝
Genuine Parts	32⅝	32⅛
Georgia Pac	107	106
Gillette	87¼	88⅛
Glaxo Wellc ADR	44½	44⅞
Goodrich (BF)	43¼	43⅞
Goodyear Tire	69¾	69¾
Great Lakes	50¾	51⅛
Halliburton	57¼	58⅛
Harcourt General	50¾	50⅞
Heinz (HJ)	46⅛	46¾
Hercules	48⅞	49½
Hershey Foods	54¾	55⅞
Hewlett Packard	68⅞	69¾
Hilton Hotels	33⅞	34¼
Home Depot	52½	52⅞
Homestake Mng	15⅛	15
Honeywell	66⅛	66¼
Household Intl	116⅛	118¼
Houston Inds	21¼	21⅞
Humana	23½	23⅞
ITT Corp	69¾	69⅞
Ikon Office	26½	26¾
Illinois Tool	51¼	51½
Illinova	21¼	21¼
INCO	24	24
Ingersoll Rand	45	45⅛
Inland Steel	20¼	20⅛
Intel Corp	94	94⅛
IBM	104½	105¼
Intl Flav & Fr	49⅞	49¾
Intl Paper	56⅛	56⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	60¾	61
Kellogg	41½	42⅞
Kerr-McGee	68¼	69½
Kimberly-Clark	49⅞	50
Kmart	13⅞	13¾
Knight-Ridder	55¾	55⅞
Lilly (Eli)	128⅞	130⅛
Limited Inc	23⅛	23¼
Lincoln Nat	71¼	71¼
Litton	55⅛	55⅞
Liz Claiborne	53¾	54½
Lockheed Martin	106½	107⅛
Louisiana Pac	24⅛	24¾
MCI Comm	34½	34½
Manpower Inc	37⅞	38⅛
Marriott Int	74	74⅛
Marsh & McLnn	75⅞	76¾
Masco Corp	45⅞	45¼
May Dept St	52⅞	53¼
Maytag Corp	32⅞	33⅛
McDonalds	46½	47¼
McGraw Hill	67¼	68⅛
Mead Corp	73⅞	73⅛
Medtronic	48	48½
Mellon Bk	55¾	56⅛
Merck Inc	101¼	101¼
Mercury Fin	1⅞	1½
Merrill Lynch	74⅞	76
Microsoft	139¾	138½
Minnesota Mine	96½	96⅛
Mirage Resorts	27⅞	27⅞
Mobil Corp	75⅞	76⅛
Monsanto	38¾	39¼
Morgan (JP)	117⅞	118¾
Motorola Inc	73⅞	74⅛
Mylan Labs	23⅞	24
Natl Semi	41½	41½
Natl Service Ind	44½	44⅞
Navistar Int	28⅛	28⅛
NY Times A	53⅞	55
Newmont Mng	45¼	44⅞
Nike B	51½	52⅛
NL Industries	16	16⅛
Nordstrom	60¾	60½
Norfolk Sthrn	101½	102½
Nthn State Pwr	49¾	49¾
Norwest Corp	65⅞	66⅛
Occidental Pet	28¾	29¼
Ohio Edison	22¾	22⅞
Oracle	36½	37¼
Oryx Energy Co	26¾	27
Owens Corning	36⅛	36¼
PPG Industries	63¼	63¾
PMI Group	62⅞	62⅞
PNC Bank	50⅞	51⅛
PP&L Res	21¾	22
Paccar Inc	56¼	57⅛
Pacificorp	21⅛	21⅛
Pac Enterprises	33¼	34⅛
Pall Corp	22⅛	22⅛
Parker Hannifin	48⅛	49½
Peco Energy	22¾	22¼
Penney (JC)	56⅞	57⅛
Pennzoil	81⅛	81⅛
Pepsico	39	39⅛
Pfizer	63⅞	64⅛
Pharm & Upjhn	34⅛	34¼
Phelps Dodge	77⅛	76⅞
Philip Morris	41⅛	41⅜
Phillips Pet	49¾	49¾
Pitney Bowes	83¾	84
Polaroid	49¾	50⅛
Procter & Gmbl	71½	72⅛
Providian	39¾	39⅞
Pub Serv E & G	25¾	26
Quaker Oats	48⅛	48½
Ralston Purina	90⅞	91⅛
Raychem Corp	83⅞	83⅛
Raytheon	57⅛	57⅞
Reebok Intl	46⅞	47¼
ReliaStar Fin	39⅞	39¾
Reynolds Metals	69¼	69¾
Rockwell Intl	55⅛	56¾
Rohm & Haas	93¼	93¾
Royal Dutch	57	57⅛
Rubbermaid	25⅛	25⅛
SBC Comms	62⅛	63⅛
Safeco Corp	51¼	51⅞
St Paul's Cos	83¾	84
Salomon Inc	81⅞	82¾
Sara Lee Corp	53⅞	53¾
Schering Plough	56⅞	57
Schlumberger	87⅛	86⅞
Seagram	34⅞	35¾
Sears Roebuck	54⅛	54⅞
Shell Trans	45⅝	45¾
Sherwin Wllms	29⅛	29
Silicon Graphics	17¾	17⅞
Snap-On-Tools	43⅞	43¾
Southern Co	22⅛	22⅛
Southtrust	51½	51⅛
Sprint Corp	52	52¼
Stanley Works	42⅞	42⅞
Sun Company	41½	41⅞
Sun Microsys	45¼	45¾
Suntrust	68½	68⅞
Supervalu	38⅛	38⅞
Synovus Fin	23⅛	23¼
Sysco Corp	37⅞	38⅛
TRW Inc	54⅛	55⅛
TIG Hldgs	35⅞	35¾
Tandy Corp	35¾	35⅛
Temple Inland	61⅞	62
Tenet Healthcare	31½	31⅞
Tenneco	47½	48⅛
Texaco	61¾	62
Texas Inst	137⅞	137⅞
Texas Utilities	35½	35⅞
Textron	64¾	64⅞
Thermo Elect	40½	40¾
Time Warner	53⅛	53⅛
Times-Mirror A	56⅛	57
Timken	38¼	38⅞
Torchmark	39	40⅛
Toys R Us	33¾	33⅞
Transamerica	100⅛	101
Travelers	73¾	74⅛
Tribune	54	54⅞
UST Inc	30⅞	30⅛
US Bancorp	100	101⅛
UAL	88½	88¾
Unitrin	65¾	66
US Inds	28⅞	28⅞
US West Comm	39¾	40⅛
US West Media	23⅞	24⅛
USAirways Group	46¾	47
USX Marathon	37¾	38
Unicom	24⅛	24½
Unilever NV	217⅞	221⅛
Union Camp	62⅞	62⅞
Union Carbide	47⅞	47⅝
Union Pacific	62½	63
Unisys Corp	14½	14⅞
USF&G Corp	22⅛	22⅛
United Tech	76⅞	77⅞
Unocal Corp	43⅛	44
VF Corp	91⅛	90¾
Wal-Mart Stores	35¼	35¾
Warner-Lambert	138	138⅞
Waste Mngmt	34	34⅛
Wells Fargo	295½	297¼
Westinghouse El	27⅞	28
Weyerhaeuser	58¾	58¼
Whirlpool	65½	66¼
Whitman	27¼	27⅛
Winn Dixie	36¾	36⅞
Witco Corp	43½	43⅞
Woolworth	20⅞	20¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	74⅛	75¾
Xerox	84¼	85⅛
Xilinx Inc	45¾	46

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ECONOMIC VIEW

ANATOLE KALETSKY

Pressure is still on Germany against monetary tightening

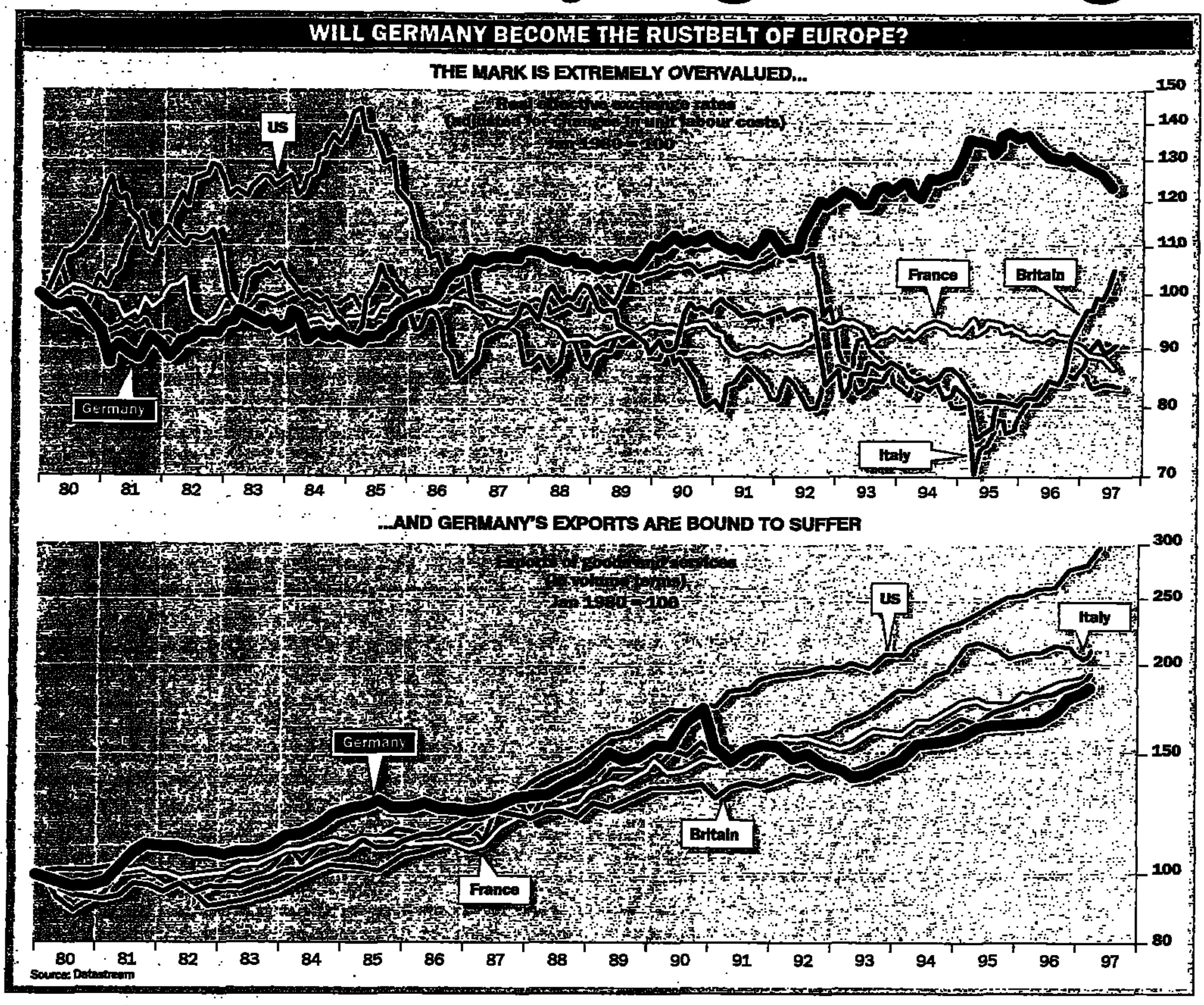
Germany cannot hope to live with relatively high rates appropriate for more dynamic economies

The Bundesbank, is Europe's most powerful economic institution. Its decision to raise interest rates just three days after the announcement of a new post-war record in Germany's unemployment gives the clearest possible indication of what lies in store for the whole of Europe once the power over monetary policy is transferred from one end of Frankfurt to the other — from the suburban headquarters of the Bundesbank to the equally nondescript offices of its clone institution, the European Central Bank.

With interest rates throughout Europe due to converge on a single figure by the time the arrangements for the single currency are finalised next May, many economists now assume that Germany and France will continue tightening their monetary policies. The final convergence figure pencilled in by most market commentators is around the "European average" level of 4.5 or even slightly higher. By acting yesterday in the interests of EMU, the Bundesbank was recognising the problems of Spain, Italy and Ireland.

These countries' central banks feel unable to cut their interest rates to anywhere near the present German level, because their economies have been adapted over many decades to operating with much higher rates. Even though inflation seems dormant in all of these high-interest rate countries, their authorities feel unable to ease their rates to German and French levels for fear of creating house-price bubbles, consumption booms and "excessive" rates of job creation and economic growth. By responding to these countries' concerns the Bundesbank and continuing to push up German interest rates over the next few months, the Bundesbank will provide a smooth transition to the full unification of European monetary policy next May.

There is, however, an alternative interpretation. German officials have been making it clear since the summer that some tightening of monetary policy was necessary — not because of EMU, but because of the inflationary pressures exerted in Germany by the falling mark. The mark declined by 20 per cent against the dollar between January and late July, having already fallen by 15 per cent in 1996. Something had to be done to prevent a loss of confidence in the German currency. The Bundesbank chose to support the mark through "verbal intervention". Instead of raising German interest rates or buying marks in the foreign exchanges, Bundesbank directors fed the markets with statements hinting that interest rates were about to be raised. This campaign proved remarkably successful at restoring confidence in the mark, but sooner or later the Bundesbank's credibility was bound to be challenged if its words were followed by no action at all. Some increase in German interest rates was, therefore, inevitable this autumn. In any case, the Bundesbank always maintained that interest rates of 3 per cent were unsustainably low even in a country with anti-inflationary credentials as strong as Germany's. The question was when to move and by how much.



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At this point, the Bundesbank faced two strong pressures against any dramatic monetary tightening — and still does. The argument that EMU interest rates should be set simply by averaging the German and Italian levels has long been dismissed as ridiculous by German officials. The single currency, they point out, is not supposed to average out Europe's performance; it is supposed to ensure that everyone converges on the performance in the best country (which is unquestionably Germany, at least in the Bundesbank's view). The euro must be the closest possible replica of the mark, not a chimera halfway between the German and Italian currencies. This symbolic argument, enthusiastically supported by the French, militates against the market's view that the ultimate target for German interest rates is 4.5 per cent or even higher.

The second argument against substantially higher German rates — and against the idea that monetary policy will converge next year at some pan-European mid-point — is much more important and will have profound implications for the economic and political future of Europe. It can baldly be stated like this: Germany, which used to be the strongest economy in Europe, is now the weakest. As a result of its deep-seated structural problems, Germany cannot hope to live with the relatively high interest rates that might be appropriate for more dynamic economies such Italy, Ireland, and Spain, not to mention America or Britain.

Dynamic economies, with competitive cost structures and high returns to investment, can grow rapidly with real pre-tax interest rates of 4 per cent or even higher. Indeed they may need such high interest rates to restrain wages and prevent asset inflation or other financial bubbles.

But rigid and uncompetitive economies such as Germany need far lower rates to have any chance of pulling out of stagnation, maintaining investment levels and restoring more sensible cost structures. It may seem perverse to argue that Germany will need low interest rates for many years because its economy is structurally weaker than Italy or Spain. It may seem even more preposterous to suggest that the future monetary battles in the European Central Bank will be between Germans calling for lower rates and Spaniards, who demand that interest rates be raised.

But if such a suggestion brings reminds you of a scene from Alice in Wonderland, just consider the case of Japan. Japan, even more than Germany, was viewed a few years ago as an unstoppable economic powerhouse. Yet, as discussed on this page two weeks ago, Japan has actually had the weakest economy in the world since 1990. Short-term interest rates in Japan are now 0.5 per cent, while ten-year bond yields have just fallen below 1.75 per cent — and even then Japan is teetering on the edge of another recession.

There are many differences between the German and Japanese situations, but the two economies have one critical factor in common. Both allowed their currencies to become extremely overvalued, by pursuing misguided monetary policies. They allowed their costs to rise far out of line with the costs in other major industrialised countries. Worse still, they allowed their currencies and domestic costs to remain uncompetitive for long periods, under the illusion that their industries could continue to sell in world markets on the basis of "quality not price". As a result their export and manufacturing industries suffered grievous damage. As the charts show, Germany's currency is hugely overvalued compared with the dollar, pound, lira and French franc — and Germany has had the weakest exports among these major countries.

The damage done to manufacturing and trade, in turn, locked both Japan and Germany into vicious circles of falling employment, rising public deficits and inadequate domestic demand.

In the last few months it is true that Germany's exports have been growing rapidly — far more rapidly than domestic demand. But this is just a "dead cat bounce" from the exceptionally depressed levels of the last few years. As I have argued repeatedly on this page, much of Germany's export growth is simply a function of the hollowing out of the German economy. Germany companies are selling machinery to the overseas subsidiaries of other German companies setting up production bases in lower-cost locations. As long as Germany's labour costs remain some 40 per cent higher than they are in France, Italy, America and Britain, this process is bound to continue, since any productivity gains achieved by Germany companies are likely to be matched in the other countries.

There are, in principle, only two ways for Germany to escape from this trap of uncompetitive costs. Either it must devalue its currency or it must reduce the absolute levels of German wages. By locking into EMU at an uncompetitive exchange rate Germany has foreclosed the first option. And next year Germany may well foreclose the second option by electing a Social Democratic government, committed to *raising* wages and social costs. Under these circumstances anyone who believes that the Bundesbank will be a force for high interest rates and a strong currency in Europe should take a look at the Bank of Japan.

Insider tells a bloody tale of life on Wall Street

Oliver August on a new book alleging clients are just prey for derivative traders

Testosterone makes Wall Street tick — not money. That is the conclusion of a new kiss-and-tell book written by Frank Partnoy, a former employee of Morgan Stanley.

He alleges that some traders at Morgan Stanley, Wall Street's biggest investment bank, had put the bank's profits ahead of clients' interests.

In *Fiasco — Blood in the water on Wall Street*, Mr Partnoy unleashes a torrent of damning tales that has given the book instant notoriety and prompted a defensive letter from Morgan Stanley managers to their staff.

> ❛A senior manager is described as 'gun-toting .. telling obscene jokes'❜

Mr Partnoy's book describes one senior manager as a "gun-toting strip-joint connoisseur who kept a bottle of Scotch in his desk and walked the trading floor, cigar clenched, telling obscene jokes".

At Credit Suisse First Boston, where Mr Partnoy was also employed, "one senior mortgage trader paid a notably attractive sales assistant $500 to eat, slowly and carefully, a large pickle covered with hand lotion. A throng of traders admired her as she performed the feat, accepted the cash, and then was sick violently all over the trading floor."

Such scenes echo the worst excesses of the brash 1980s Wall Street culture. *Fiasco* is already being described as the next *Liar's Poker*, the book that immortalised the arrogance, the machismo and the free-spending ways of bond traders in the Eighties.

> ❛A ringside seat on the nastiest game on Wall Street today❜

The title of the book is a reference to the Fixed Income Annual Sporting Clays Outings, FIASCO. On these drunken clay pigeon shoots, derivatives traders celebrated their cultue of violence. After a crackdown on sexual harassment, many traders are said to have swapped their pornographic magazine for gun club magazines. One senior trader allegedly paid $40,000 to shoot a rhinoceros.

The culture of violence was reflected in the language used in Morgan Stanley offices. After some high-profile client losses, a belligerent John Mack, Morgan Stanley's president, told his traders: "There is blood in the water. Let's go kill."

Michael Lewis, author of *Liar's Poker*, calls derivatives trading "a blood sport, with the unsuspecting consumer as the prey", and says: "FIASCO is a ringside seat on the nastiest and most important game being played on Wall Street today."

Mr Partnoy says he is anxious to expose mis-selling of derivatives on Wall Street. These complex financial instruments are, he claims, often sold to ignorant clients with the sole purpose of earning fees. Mr Partnoy says Morgan Stanley earned $1 billion in fees from derivatives alone in 1993 to 1995.

His book describes the goings-on that led up to the famous derivatives fiascos, involving Barings, in the UK, and Orange County and Procter & Gamble in America.

Mr Partnoy also alleges that Morgan Stanley started selling Mexican derivatives in the days leading up to the 1994 Mexican economic collapse. Some clients were still under the impression that they should be buying the derivatives.

The bank is understandably concerned. It has told its employees: "The book is clearly a combination of inaccuracies and sensationalism. Our business is based on consistent and professional service to our clients and customers. We do not engage in conduct that would violate the trust they place in us."

Mr Partnoy left Morgan Stanley in 1995 and now teaches law in California. His knowledge of libel and defamation laws makes the book especially damning.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Taste change

IT MUST be heartening when shares in your employer fall on news of your departure, but the slump for the National Westminster that was being put down yesterday morning to the loss of NatWest Markets' deputy head of global research looks a bit overdone, as my colleague on the Tempus column would put it. I suppose the market is rather sensitive to bad news from any investment bank at the moment. Anyway, David Atkinson is off, entirely amicably, after 13 years as a food manufacturing analyst, the past eight at NatWest.

Atkinson was appointed head of European research at the end of 1996, a management role he did not take to. He took on the global research post as deputy to Edmond Warner in July, promptly embarking on a sabbatical. "He wants to do something completely different, but he doesn't know what," says Warner.

Atkinson admits to disenchantment with the job of running a research department but no temptation to go back to teenage scribbling. "I've got to the point of deciding that there's more to life than that." His most likely option, when he makes up his mind, will be a corporate finance job in the City advising the food industry.

"I ordered a Spice Girl doll, but it won't be ready until the new year"

THE last word on those stories of shoe boxes and broom cupboards being sold as flats for silly sums of money. (I rather liked the one near Harvey Nicks that the estate agent said "would suit shopaholic" — where would they put the stuff?). A two-bedroom executive flat is for sale on the fourth floor of a Grade II listed Mayfair town house. The rest of the building has been done up by the vendor as offices. Offers in excess of £4 million. The price is so high because you have to buy the whole building as well.

Figure it out

I WOULD hate anyone to lose any sleep, but I have two more concerns for those of you who are still worrying about the millennium bug, the feared shutdown of the world's computer systems in little more than two years. Try these. One, is the year 2000 a leap year? Not as simple as you might think, because years ending in two noughts contain a February 29 only if the year is also divisible by 400. I am indebted to JP Morgan for this information. You didn't know it either, did you? Nor, perhaps, does your computer. The year 2000 is a leap year, but computers may or may not include an extra day in their calculations. Alternatively, they may have the cybernetic equivalent of a nervous breakdown once the clocks strike midnight on February 28, 2000, having only just recovered from their attack of the wobblies two months previously.

Two, September 9, 1999, is another panic point, I am told, because this writes itself 9/9/99, and there is a temptation for electronic brains to flip over into 10,000 the next day and disappear forever into the next eon. Time alone will tell.

NICHOLAS SOAMES has been appointed a non-executive director of Network Technology. He was full of praise for his new employer yesterday — "remarkable company", "really excellent" — while admitting he knew precious little about their actual business, gizmos that allow one part of a computer network to talk to another. Fair enough. He is also the local MP, although only after his move from Crawley — where the Tories lost — to the safer Mid Sussex seat. There seems to be some mismatch, though. Network Technology, a tiddler that moved from the AIM to a full listing only two months ago, is described to me as "lean and mean". Which is more than can be said of the former Agriculture Secretary.

Tartan tussle

BLOOD spilt among the Scottish financial mafia. At Ivory & Sime Enterprise Capital, the investment trust under fire from Colin McLean's Scottish Value Trust, Gavin Reed, the chairman, and fellow directors are to run the gauntlet at a special meeting brought by Scottish Value. Reed yesterday denied rumours that they were about to resign. McLean is unhappy that the lacklustre Enterprise has carried on investing in early-stage companies in spite of the rapid approach of its winding-up date. Ivory & Sime is bound lose the management contract for Enterprise if a new board is appointed. This will only increase pressure on Sir David Kinloch to find a buyer for the poor old firm, now another troubled offshoot of the Cayzer family's interests. What ever happened to the Cayzers' fabled skills?

MARTIN WALLER

Nicholas Soames is full of praise for his new employer, Network Technology,

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Equities cut earlier losses

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
506	407½	Allied Domecq	490½	+ 4½	6.5	14.7
626	385	Bulmer (HP)	450		4.0	12.6
75½	40½	Burn Stewart	45		8.8	
1040	865	Glenmorangie A	975		1.7	24.1
631	425½	Grand Met	577½	- 11	3.3	18.5
627	424	Guinness†	579½	- 5½	3.4	15.8
380	284	Highland Dist	294		3.7	13.3
336	213	Matthew Clark	261	- 4½	11.5	7.8
109½	52½	Merrydown W	59	..	6.6	14.6
2009½	1482½	SA Breweries	1831¼	- 12½	2.1	

BANKS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1521½	918¾	ABN-AMRO	1290¾	- 68¾	2.6	17.8
984½	710	Abbey Ntl	920½	- 7	3.7	15.1
725	532½	Alliance & Leics†	706½	+ 4½	2.9	16.5
583	388¾	Allied Irish	537½	- 7½	3.4	15.3
516½	363¾	Aus New Z	507½	- 5¼	3.7	
4931¼	2875	Bank America	4816¾	- 87½		
538½	291½	Bank Scotland	516½	+ 15½	2.1	14.2
1800	978½	Barclays	1627½	- 20	2.6	15.5
814½	517½	Bk of Ireland	785½	- 13	2.5	17.3
8829¾	6006¼	Citicorp	8512½	- 159¾		
1759¾	1268¾	Commerzbk	1716¾	+ 12½	2.8	
862½	559¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	583¾	- 28¾	0.7	
4593¼	2709¾	Deutsche Bk	4400	- 168¾	1.4	
1300	756¾	Espirito Santo	1259¾	- 12½	2.9	
947½	594½	Fuji Bank Y	650¾	- 20½	0.7	
2369½	1372½	HSBC	2055	- 43	2.8	16.7
2258½	1241	HSBC HK	1958½	- 38	2.9	15.8
783	696½	Halifax	727½	+ 3½	2.5	24.5
637½	483½	Irish Perm†	620	- 10	2.5	17.1
860½	424	Lloyds TSB†	782½	- 8½	2.3	22.8
1008	689½	Nat Aust Bk	950½	- 31½	4.2	13.1
1012½	663½	Nat West	935½	- 38½	4.0	14.8
482½	450	Northern Rock	481½	+ ½	2.3	19.0
723½	508	Ryl Bk Scot	680	- 6½	3.6	14.6
1093½	681	Stand Chart†	817	+ 3	2.4	14.3
£164¾	£164¾	Wells Fargo	£164¾		1.9	
403½	315½	Westpac	393	- 2½	3.8	
373½	284	Woolwich†	314	+ ½	3.1	18.6

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
878½	717½	Bass	832½	- 5	3.8	15.6
68½	43½	Bk for the Bdr	51½		4.4	10.9
205	142½	Burtonwd Brw	149	- 1	5.0	13.9
155½	121½	City Centre Rest†	141	.	2.2	21.9
744½	575½	Compass Gp	688	- 2½	1.6	25.3
305	250	Eldridge P A'	275		2.5	15.2
258½	221	Enterprise Inns	248½	- ½	3.5	17.5
485	412	Fuller Smi A'	437½		2.9	15.2
586	366½	Greenalls Grp	389½	+ 9	5.1	9.7
770	642	Greene King	686	- 2½	3.0	14.7
237½	152½	Grosvenor Inns	204½	+ 1	4.0	21.0
293½	218½	Groupe Chez Ge	278½	+ 2	1.4	
298½	255½	Hardy Hanson	258½	- ½	5.3	11.5
2850	2575	Holt J	2625	- 12½	2.9	14.6
78	63	Inn Business†	63½	.	3.2	10.1
357	320	Mansfield	320	- 1½	2.7	14.0
315½	252	Marston Thmp	301½	.	3.6	9.8
615	502½	Morland	509	.	3.2	13.1
266½	210	Old Eng Pub	246½	.	1.0	31.7
47½	18½	Paramount	35½			
820½	527½	PizzaExpress†	811	+ 3	0.5	

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
225	162½	Car Group	216	- 3	2.3	23.3
163½	117½	Caverdale	163½	+ 1	2.9	9.5
100	61½	Charles Sidney	77	...	5.2	10.8
59½	45½	Cook (DC)†	46½		6.5	6.2
121	90½	Dag Motors	112½	- 1	9.1	7.1
134½	102½	Dennans B	104		3.4	9.5
400	217	Diploma	271	- 1½	6.7	10.2
502½	387½	Electrocmpnts	499½	+ ½	1.9	28.2
226½	117½	Eurodis Elect	176½		3.6	34.5
106	76½	European Mo	100½	- 1	7.0	8.9
300	213	Evans Halshaw†	271	..	7.6	
55½	38½	Fife Indmar†	53½	+ 1	7.9	8.7
397½	312½	Finelist Grp†	340½	- 3	3.8	15.1
34½	24½	Gardner†	25	...	4.8	9.2
79¼	57½	Glencherton	71		2.8	11.5
110	82½	Gowrings†	108½	.	3.6	17.7
15½	11	HR Owen†	13½	.	6.7	9.1
103	20½	Handel #	22½	...	..	2.1
272½	232½	Harris (Philip)†	267½		4.7	10.3
340½	284½	Headlam	339	.	2.3	20.4
172	145	Holders Tech	172	..	4.7	14.0
240½	139½	ISA Intl	140	- 3½	2.7	10.9
308½	240½	Inchcape†	284	- 2½	4.3	18.7
72	49½	Jacks (Wm)†	69½		4.5	9.0
342	214½	Kwik-Fit	340½	- 1	2.1	18.7
459½	316½	Lex Service	443	- ½	4.6	13.3
122	99	Lookers	99	- ½	10.1	7.1
9	5½	Middlesex	8½	..	1.5	14.9
41½	10½	Midstates†	16½	+ ½	3.8	...
472	180	Nathan	334	- 15	3.2	11.3
181½	114½	Northamber	176½	+ 2½	1.0	10.5
352½	297½	Parco	305	+ 1	3.3	16.0
394½	254½	Pendragon	271½		4.7	12.0
223½	172½	Perry Gp	181½		6.5	7.9
751	448	Premier Farnell	540½	+ 2	2.8	20.0
152½	122½	Quicks Group†	134½		7.4	8.4
357	307½	REA	312		1.6	38.5
2½	1½	Reece	1½	.	.	50.2
38	12½	Ronson	13½	.	2.3	.
4	1½	Ross Gp	4	.		
109½	78½	Ryland†	81½		5.6	8.8
38	24	SEP Ind	29½	..	8.6	13.6
92½	25	Salvo	30	.	5.0	..
415½	260	Time Products	260½	.	6.1	10.5
347	184½	Trust Motor Grp	187½	- 1	7.6	8.2
393	228	UMECO	393	+ 18	1.7	25.6
93½	59	United Carrs Gp	80	- 2½	0.5	19.9
352½	267½	Vardy (Reg)	306½		3.1	14.6
685	498½	WF Elect†	654	.	2.9	22.4
41	25½	Wilshaw	31½	- ¼	3.3	8.9
172½	111½	Wyko†	153½	- 1	2.4	17.0
159½	119½	Young (H)	158½	+ 1	3.4	13.5

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1322	937	Siebe	1306½	- 11	1.2	25.0
227½	105½	Six Hundred	139½		4.6	3.2
857	708½	Smiths Ind	834½	- 10	2.2	22.7
737½	595	Spirax-Sarco†	729	+ ½	2.4	18.9
303½	239½	Sterling Ind	263½	.	4.7	12.8
808½	450	TI	672½	- 2½	2.6	21.4
120½	101½	Tinsley (E)	108½	- 1½	7.0	10.3
120½	92½	TransTec	110		2.8	14.9
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258½	169½	Wellington Hldg	171		5.9	9.9
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154	87	Adwest†	144½	- 2½	8.7	11.7
197	172	Airflow Stream	173½		5.8	11.0
757	565	Avon Rubber	657½	..	3.8	13.6
310	227½	Bostrom	310		2.9	15.4
140	96	Britax	137½	- 2	3.1	17.8
850	657½	First Tech†	847½		1.6	22.2
1462½	907	GKN	1403½	- 22½	2.3	.
4321¼	3237½	General Mtr	4178¼	- 37½	2.9	
583½	357	Hardys	362½	- 1	5.3	8.7
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480	312½	Laird†	475½	+ 1	3.3	13.1
245	160	LucasVarity	221	- 5½	2.3	16.8
199	131	Mayflower	198½	+ 1	1.5	28.0
172½	127½	Sytone	147½	.	5.4	10.8
256½	123	T & N†	250½	+ 5	3.1	..
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BAe awaits decision on bid for Siemens unit

By Adam Jones

BRITISH AEROSPACE could discover next week whether its joint bid for Siemens's defence electronics business has been successful.

BAe, partnered by Dasa, the aerospace arm of Germany's Daimler-Benz, has been competing against Thomson-CSF of France for the Siemens business, which has an estimated value of £300-£350 million.

Both bidders have been through due diligence. The final deadline for offers was understood to have passed yesterday and there was no indication that either bidder had decided to pull out at the last minute.

The BAe-Daimler bid involves the two companies breaking up the Siemens business, which had sales last year of DM1.6 billion (£563 million) and profits of roughly DM60 million. BAe would take the UK assets and Daimler would get those in Germany, where 2,000 staff are employed.

The British side of the business, which employs about 3,000, centres on Siemens Plessey, which BAe is keen to buy in order to expand its leading position in aviation systems to land and naval warfare.

Siemens Plessey has a valuable 30 per cent stake in the Archer consortium, developer of the Bowman battlefield radio system, that could be worth £5 billion in orders. Its partners in Archer are Racal Electronics and ITT.

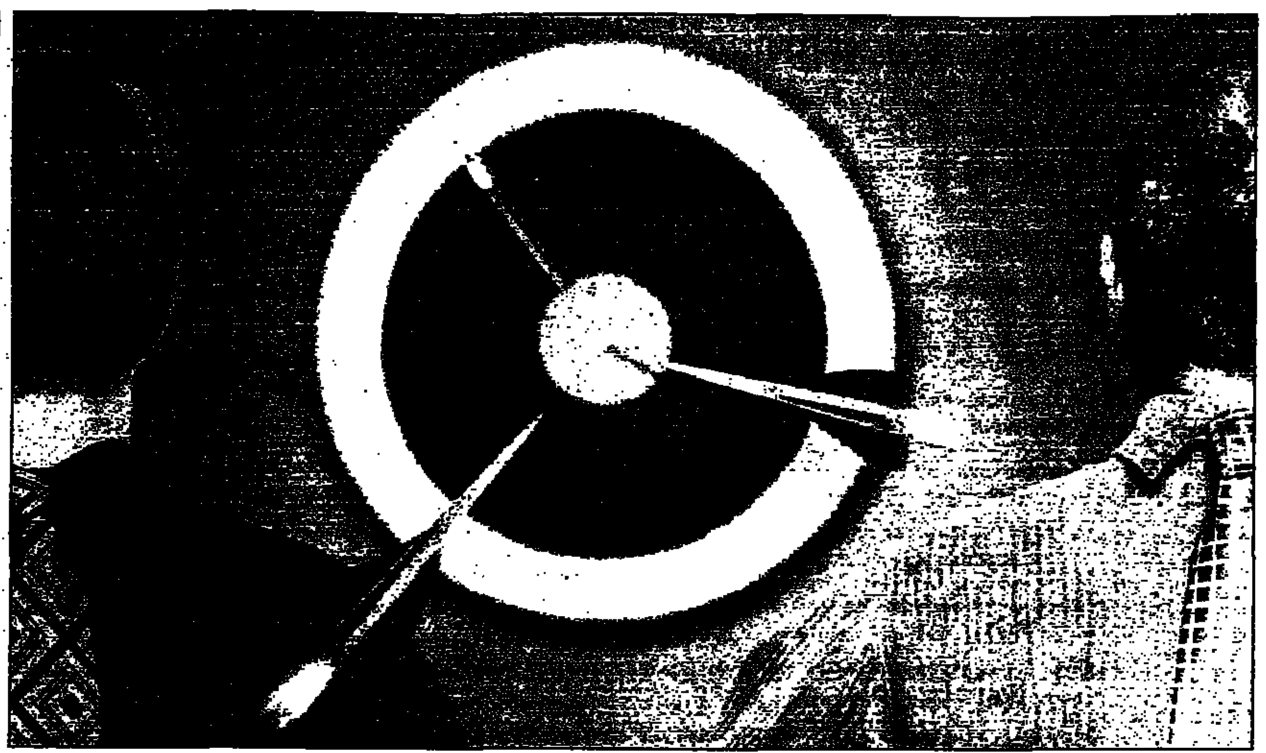
GEC was considered the early front-runner in the chase for the Siemens arm, given the links it already had with the German company. GEC and Siemens are partners in the GPT telecommunications business, with Siemens keen to take full ownership.

Many in the market had expected some kind of asset swap. However, it was announced last month that GEC had failed to make a shortlist of two, denting the share price and leaving a cloud over the early attempts of George Simpson, GEC's new managing director, to restructure the company.

The company issued a statement saying: "We would have liked to have acquired this business, but we were not prepared to offer a price which we could not justify to our shareholders." The failure raised anxieties of continuing valuation differences in the unravelling of the GPT joint venture.

There have been suggestions subsequently that GEC might still end up with Siemens Plessey if Thomson-CSF is successful. The French group could sell the business.

Siemens had previously said that it hoped to make a decision on the disposal by the end of September, which would coincide with its year end. A spokesman remained tight-lipped on any revised timetable yesterday.



Lindsay Page, finance director, left, and Ray Kelvin, chief executive, of Ted Baker, have a strong first half to look back on

Ted Baker targets growth overseas

By Sarah Cunningham

TED BAKER, the fashion design and retail company is casting its eye overseas with plans to expand its wholesale business in the rest of Europe and America.

First-half turnover in the US grew from £145,000 to £716,000 as the number of licensed outlets expanded from 40 to 110. Two new franchised retail outlets were opened last spring in Zurich and Amsterdam.

The company, led by Ray Kelvin, founder and chief executive, and brought to the market in July, plans to open no more than two new stores in the UK and to limit the number of licensees in order to retain the brand's exclusivity. It is increasing the floorspace of its existing stores to make room for its women's wear collection, which now accounts for about one sixth of all sales, and for children's wear.

The £672,000 cost of floating the company meant pre-tax profits fell from £1.62 million to £1.48 million in the half-year to August 9. Turnover was 49.7 per cent ahead at £8.58 million and operating profit before flotation costs was up by 29.3 per cent to £2.04 million.

Same store retail sales were ahead 18.7 per cent in the first half. The growth rate has edged back to 12 per cent in the first few weeks of the second half. The wholesale business is motoring ahead, with sales up by 61.7 per cent to £2.67 million.

The company's shirts, its best-known product, still account for 50 per cent of sales but the proportion is reducing.

IMF to counter Indonesia crisis

By Our City Staff

THE International Monetary Fund will assemble a reform package "within a matter of weeks" aimed at restoring confidence in Indonesia and the rupiah, Dennis de Tray, the World Bank's Jakarta director, has said.

Mr de Tray said: "This is not a financial crisis ... this is a crisis in confidence. That is about the only explanation we can give for what is happening to this currency."

Mr de Tray said that a team of experts will arrive in Indonesia by Monday. He said that the team's main objective would be to restore confidence in Indonesia's currency rather than to provide financial back-up, which was not a crucial requirement for the country at this time.

He added: "Financing will be part of the process of restoring confidence, and the amount, while not driven by the actual financing needs of the Government ... will be driven by a need to put together a highly credible package that takes away any remaining concerns in the financial community about the ability of Indonesia to meet its short-term and medium-term foreign debt obligations."

The IMF has already helped to form measures to get the Thai economy back on its feet. The Thai baht's plunge sparked the present Far East currency crisis, dragging down the rupiah.

Spice Girl dolls join the Character Group band

By Fraser Nelson

PLASTIC Spice Girls are on the way, courtesy of Character Group, the toy company, which yesterday announced a £10 million deal to distribute official dolls of the girl band. However, there is one small snag — they will not be in the shops until after Christmas.

The company, until last month known as Toy Options, has been granted an exclusive licence to provide the dolls to stores throughout the UK and the Irish Republic until the end of next year.

If the Spice Girls' pop success continues, the deal could bring in up to £14 million in sales next year alone. If the group splits up, or falls from grace, the company will be left holding every doll that it cannot sell.

Richard King, chairman, said that no doll can be mass produced in less than 12 weeks. He said: "We are doing the best we can. We will be flying them in from China, not shipping them in, and it's still an amazing feat to get them out this year at all. Under normal circumstances, this sort of thing would normally take eight months."

The first batch of Spice Girl dolls may be flown in early enough to allow some deliveries in time for the new year. The company expects to import 500,000 models by March, with dolls of each Spice Girl produced in equal quantity. The dolls will cost about £19 each, or around £95 for a complete set. They will be sold with their clothes already attached — which will leave owners unable to dress them up like Barbie and Cindy dolls.

Mr King said: "I don't think the Spice Girls would have licensed us to sell naked dolls of them. We have decided to stay out of the clothing market."

The company does not expect to meet market demand until 1999, and said it has still been unable to meet demand for Buzz Lightyear, the *Toy Story* cartoon character.

The shares, which joined the market at 65p two years ago, rose 21p to a high of 147½p.

Virgin wins review over cinema

Gummer: refused

By Chris Ayres

VIRGIN CINEMAS, part of Virgin Entertainment Group, yesterday won a review of its proposal for an out-of-town cinema complex near Southampton. The High Court ruling, which awarded Virgin about £20,000 in costs, will be seen as a victory for out-of-town property developers.

The court's ruling means a review of the decision of John Gummer, who as Secretary of State for the Environment, refused planning permission for the ten-screen, £8 million multiplex cinema outside Eastleigh, Hampshire. If the court had ruled in favour of Mr Gummer, the future of many similar projects could have been jeopardised.

Many residents of Eastleigh are in favour of the development and have handed a petition containing 300,000 signatures to their MP. But in spite of local council support, Hampshire County Council opposed the project and launched an inquiry.

John Prescott, Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, will now examine the planning inspectors' report and decide whether to launch a new public inquiry into the project or take written statements from interested parties before making a decision.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

National takes stake in Czech power firm

NATIONAL POWER, the country's largest electricity generator, is to pay £100 million for a 48 per cent stake in Elektrarny Opatovice, a power company in the Czech Republic with interests in seven major cogeneration and heating plants. The plants are supplied from lignite mined in the north west of the republic and are the subject of a number of environmental improvements including flue-gas desulphurisation equipment. The company said earnings from international projects "are set to increase substantially in the current financial year" from the £74 million reported in the previous year.

The plants National Power has bought have a total electrical generating capacity of 825 megawatts and 3,900 megawatts of heat, National Power said. The company said it has the ability to take a majority position in the company in the future. The deal will make National Power the largest shareholder in EOP, a cogeneration company listed on the Prague stock exchange. Its other shareholders include Czech municipalities, with 24 per cent, and other overseas interests with 18 per cent. National Power shares yesterday fell from 549½p to 534½p.

British Dredging 30% up

BRITISH DREDGING, the building materials group, raised pre-tax profits by 30 per cent to a little more than £1 million in the six months to June 30 on sales up 15 per cent to £21.8 million. Earnings rose 32 per cent to 3.91p and the half year dividend rises to 2.9p, up 11.5 per cent. Michael Brown, chairman, said the company remained in excellent condition: "Our plans for sustained growth, with new ventures created both organically and through acquisition, are progressing steadily." The shares rose 1½p to 147½p.

Profits build at Kier

KIER GROUP, the construction company formerly owned by Hanson, saw profits rise 17 per cent in its first full-year results since listing. In the year to June 30, the group, floated last December, reported pre-tax profits of £8.6 million. Earnings rose to 18.7p (16.1p). A final dividend of 4.6p per share (1.6p) will be paid on December 16. Turnover rose 10.2 per cent to £677 million. Colin Busby, chairman, said the UK construction cycle is "progressively improving for the first time in more than five years".

BWI cuts dividend

THE final dividend at BWI, the packaging and process machinery group, has been cut after £1.5 million of exceptional restructuring costs hit profits. Pre-tax profits for the year to July 31 were £7 million, down from £8.3 million. The exceptional charge included £1 million for measures to be taken this year. Earnings fell to 7.7p a share from 12.4p. A final dividend of 2p, cut from 4.3p, is due on January 5, making a total of 5p (7.3p) for the year. The group said order intake had strengthened in the past two to three months.

United Industries ahead

UNITED INDUSTRIES, the engineering group, raised pre-tax profits by 19 per cent to £1.42 million in the six months to June 30 on sales up by 3 per cent to £19.6 million. Earnings rose to 2.71p, up by 19 per cent, out of which the half-year dividend is raised by 13 per cent to 0.85p a share. Kenneth Coates, chairman, said the group had reduced costs and concentrated on organic growth to offset sterling's strength: "Group management will continue to drive these improvements and is firmly committed to making suitable acquisitions."

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NOTICE OF S98 MEETING OF CREDITORS
TECHNICAL AIR PRODUCTS LIMITED

Principal Trading Address: 18 Hither Green Industrial Estate, Clevedon, BS21 6XU

Company number: 02898206

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of creditors of the above-named company will be held at Queen Anne House, 69-71 Queen Square, Bristol, BS1 4JP on 21 October 1997 at 10.30 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

P L Thurston of Deloitte & Touche, of Queen Anne House, 69-71 Queen Square, Bristol, BS1 4JP will provide creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require. Creditors requiring this information should contact in the first instance Ralph Paterson on 0117 9842 922.

Dated: 7 October 1997
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
K Austin, Director

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
COMPUTER AIDED TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above named company are required on or before the 5 November 1997 to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to P J Gorman and R W Birchall of Cork Gully, Hill House, Richmond Hill, Bournemouth, Dorset BH2 6HR, the joint liquidators of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said joint liquidators, or by their solicitors, or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 24th day of September 1997
P J GORMAN and R W BIRCHALL
Joint Liquidators

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The Insolvency Act 1986
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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.

Dated this 6th day of October 1997
By Order of the Board
Alan Archer, Director

EMS INDUSTRIAL SHIPPING LIMITED

Notice of application for gas Shippers' Licence under section 7A(2) of the Gas Act 1986

EMS Industrial Shipping Limited, whose registered office is situated at Corporate Office, PO Box 444, Wollaton, Nottingham NG8 1BZ, hereby gives notice that it has made an application to the Director General of Gas Supply, for a gas shippers' licence under section 7A(2) of the Gas Act 1986, authorising the licensee to arrange with any public gas transporter for gas to be introduced into, conveyed by means of, or taken out of a pipeline system operated by that transporter.

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Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced organisations to prepare a Conservation Plan for the buildings and landscape of the Calton Hill and the surrounding area.

In order to progress the restoration and enchancement of the built and natural environment of the Hill, the City of Edinburgh Council wishes to appoint consultants to produce a conservation Plan for the Hill, it's buildings and landscape. The Conservation Plan will underpin all future proposals for the Hill and it's environs and it is envisaged that it will form the basis of further major applications for funding to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The purpose of the Conservation Plan is to establish and describe the historic importance of the site, to analyse the effects of change in the landscape and to put forward proposals for the conservation, repair and restoration of it's historic character and features. It also provides the opportunity to ensure that the design and location of any alterations will harmonise with, and enhance the site's historic character and the public's enjoyment of it.

The organisation selected to undertake this commission will be an experienced consultant with a substantial track record in Conservation Plans and / or related research studies. Where the organisation is unable to provide necessary expertise from within their own resources, a consortium or other business arrangement will be acceptable.

The organisation which demonstrates, in their response to this advertisement, previous experience in the above will be invited to complete a pre-tender questionnaire which will be used to select a maximum of four organisations to be invited to submit bids for the proposed commission.

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Denis Taylor reports from Taiwan, a leading investor in Britain and a hotbed of enterprise, despite being under the shadow of Beijing

Powerhouse of the Pacific Rim

Taiwan is the perfect place for a futurologist. There is a doomsday script in which the Asian "tiger" is overwhelmed, and another in which it bounds prosperously ahead. Mainland China plays a critical role in both.

Cut off politically and diplomatically from most of the international community for two decades, the 21 million Chinese people on Taiwan — an island only slightly bigger than Belgium — have defied Beijing and built up their island refuge to become one of the world's top 20 economies.

Yet Beijing has repeatedly signalled that if Taiwan declares independence — or even makes moves towards doing so — it will be attacked. Mainland China enjoys an advantage of nearly 7-1 in the total number of its armed forces.

But Taiwan has been upgrading its naval and air forces, notably through acquiring American F16 and French Mirage 2000 fighters. The army is installing the latest Patriot missiles.

Despite China's enormous manpower advantage, question marks are raised in Taiwan about the Beijing Government's ability to mount a successful invasion. Dr Chong-Pin Lin, vice-chairman of the Mainland Affairs Council in Taipei, suggests that it could be 2010 before Beijing has the military technology to allow it to attempt an invasion.

But even then Chinese forces would not be able to cross the Taiwan Strait undetected by the Americans, and would risk a swift military reaction by Washington. In a muscle-flexing move, President Clinton sent two aircraft carriers to the Taiwan Strait last year after missiles were fired from the mainland into waters around the island.

Prime Minister Siew, before a portrait of Sun Yat-sen, leads a thriving economy, right

This was immediately before the first direct leadership election in Chinese history, which returned President Lee Teng-hui to office.

Washington's continuing seriousness about protecting Taiwan was underlined by the expansion of US-Japanese military co-operation announced last month. Taiwan was not mentioned by name in the new guidelines, but a senior official in Tokyo made clear that the Taiwan Strait was covered by the new agreement and that Japanese naval vessels could support US ships policing the waters around Taiwan.

Beijing was swift to attack the new deal as a violation of Chinese sovereignty, and there is the rub. Taiwan, to which Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist forces fled, was seen by the victorious communists of 1949 as a rebel province of China. For Chiang, the argument was reversed. The mainland was to be recovered by the Nationalists of the Republic of China from Taipei.

Each side says there is one China, but Chiang's successors in the Kuomintang continue to insist they are the custodians of the original Chinese Republic founded by Sun Yat-sen, whose revolt against the Manchu Dynasty 86 years ago today is marked as Double Tenth national day.

In 1978, President Carter recognised Beijing. Then the US Congress passed an act pledging to help defend Taiwan. Yet while ties with the US remain strong, ambivalent feelings sometimes surface. "I'm glad Clinton sent those carriers. I wasn't sure that he would," said one observer in Taipei.

An official said: "Our country and the United States do have a large number of parallel interests. But we cannot rely on other countries for our survival and security." This may be a healthy antidote to the more prevalent view that the US will always take the side of Taiwan.

Beijing angrily broke off a cross-strait dialogue in 1995 after President Lee was granted a US visa to visit his old university, Cornell.

Any thought of reconquering the mainland has long been abandoned by Taipei. Today the very idea of 21-million strong Taiwan taking over the 1.2 billion inhabitants of the People's Republic of China looks absurd.

Vincent Siew, Taiwan's new Prime Minister, defines the goal of Taiwan's policy as the unification of China under the principles of democracy, freedom and the equitable distribution of wealth. Mr Siew last week welcomed a call by Beijing for new talks, but said they should take place without any restrictions and putting aside the dispute over sovereignty.

While any talking is clearly an improvement on silence and bouts of missile firing, it is hard to see where talks between such entrenched adversaries can lead. Taiwan has no interest in Beijing's policy of one country, two systems, as applied to Hong Kong. According to Dr Lin, the issues of Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan are "closely packed" by Beijing. "Taiwan is already feeling pressure for an agreement," he says.

Dr Lin adds that the Chinese leadership has adopted a batch of policies to bring pressure on Taipei, including efforts to persuade states which recognise Taiwan to switch to Beijing.

Optimists can point out that while the latest quarterly poll in Taiwan showed support for independence as soon as possible reaching 10 per cent, double that for unification, 82 per cent opted for some variant of the status quo. The polling includes subdivisions for people who hope for eventual independence or unification, but see no point in rocking the boat.

No declaration of independence means no invasion. War would destroy not only one of Asia's most successful economies, but would also end Taiwan's role in the modernisation of mainland China.

An estimated 35,000 Taiwan companies are doing business on the mainland. Hong Kong is still treated as the halfway house that it was in colonial days, and there are airline flights between Hong Kong and Taipei. Ships sail directly from one port in Taiwan to two on the mainland, getting around the sovereignty issue by using flags of convenience. "Business is business," said an official.

Officials from both sides of the strait meet unofficially. One in Taipei said that his communist visitors posed as academics "but we know who they are, and they know that we know who they are".

The optimist who sees Hong Kong taking over China rather than the reverse can add Taiwan entrepreneurs to the cast. But in Taiwan, even the optimist must keep his fingers crossed. The benign draft cannot stay unaltered when the only certain future is one of continuing political tension.

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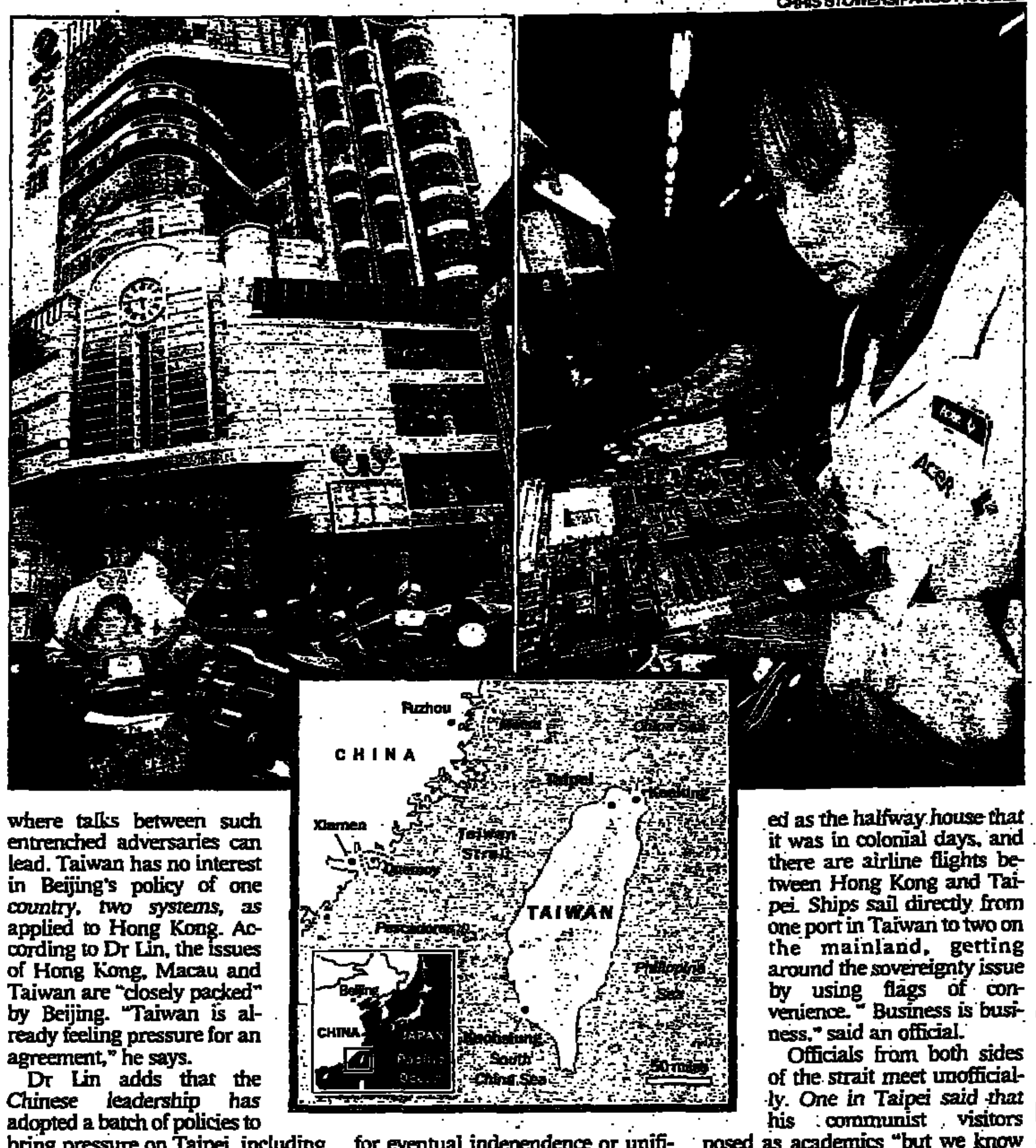

Buoyant UK is top priority

INVESTMENT

TAIWANESE investment in Britain is going from strength to strength. The lack of diplomatic relations has meant that Taiwan businessmen have used overseas investment to build partnerships with host countries.

The UK is Taiwan's number one target in terms of investment in Europe. Although Britain has fewer investments than Germany or The Netherlands, the overall value is far higher, at $1.03 billion, than that for Germany, its nearest rival, at $126 million.

Wilfred Sing, a partner in the accounting firm Simmons Gainsford, which has brought a number of Taiwan companies to Britain, says the Taiwanese find this country attractive because of the language and the advanced infrastructure and telecommunications systems.

Britain also has a versatile workforce that is willing to work long, flexible hours. Mr Sing says the legacy of the Commonwealth means that the British understand the Chinese mentality.

He notes that while research capabilities in Britain are excellent, Taiwanese companies have the ability to turn research into products, which creates a complementary role for joint ventures.

Conversely, there are many opportunities for UK business in Taiwan, which is involved in numerous joint ventures with the mainland and can be used as a gateway to that market. There is also a desperate need in Taiwan for English language teachers.

Taiwan is intent on increasing its overseas investment. Acer Europe, for example, is planning substantial new investments in Europe and will be floating on the London stock exchange by the year 2000. Graham Jackson, managing director of Acer UK, says the decision to float the European operation in London is linked to the fact that Britain will be the largest personal computer market in Europe before the year 2000.

RUTH TAPLIN

Many friends overcome few relations

FOREIGN POLICY

WHEN President Lee Teng-hui went to Rome to see the Pope, there were no meetings with the Italian Government. Life is like that for leaders of Taiwan, which has full diplomatic relations with only one European state, the Holy See.

That does not stop Taipei trading with most of the world, but it is hurt that only about 30 states, the majority of them very small, have kept full links after most countries decided that it was only realistic to recognise Beijing.

Taipei lost a big prize when South Africa announced that it would switch ties at the end of this year. Now the only formal relations in the region will be with Swaziland and Malawi. Half the countries giving formal recognition to Taiwan as the Republic of China are in Latin America and the Caribbean. President Lee was recently in Panama, Honduras, El Salvador and Paraguay.

His Government is trying to induce companies to diversify away from mainland China. Panama is of obvious interest to Taiwan shipping interests, and Paraguay is part of Mercosur, the South American common market. But business has been very cautious about following the flag to such areas.

Lack of embassies has not stopped commerce, and Taiwan is now the 14th largest trader in the world. But it has no seat at the United Nations and no membership of the World Trade Organisation. Taiwan observers were barred from the recent annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in Hong Kong.

The Republic of China was a founding member of Gatt, but lost its membership when Mao Zedong came to power, was given observer status and then had this withdrawn when Beijing was awarded China's seat at the UN. But whatever the complaints about lack of access to governments elsewhere, there are said to be no complaints about the way Washington has been briefing Taipei on the visit of President Jiang Zemin there later this month.

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The keys to Western-style prosperity

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ECONOMY

Once Taiwan put the shirt on your back. Now it is more likely to ship a personal computer to your home. Taiwan is the third-largest producer of computer hardware. It makes more than 60 per cent of all personal computers and keyboards and 70 per cent of computer mice.

This is a far cry from the toys once associated with the country. Much basic manufacturing has been shunted off to mainland China, where wage rates are a fraction of those in Taiwan.

Gross national product is this year expected to reach $300 billion, with GNP per capita rising to $14,000. This puts Taiwan ahead of the poorest members of the European Union.

The economy is expected to grow by at least 6.2 per cent this year, compared with 5.7 per cent in 1996. The unemployment rate has almost doubled during the 1990s, but is still below 3 per cent. The population is highly literate and the workforce skilled. Many people speak English and think globally, a useful characteristic in a society where exports account for 70 per cent of GNP.

President Lee: "Think of Taiwan's security"

Industries expected to perform well this year include information technology (IT), electronics, chemicals and textiles. Among the fastest-growing exports are IT, telecommunications equipment and steel. Overseas sales of footwear, sporting goods and toys are declining.

Small and medium-sized firms dominate the economy. This is both its strength and its weakness. Small companies are flexible and can adapt quickly to the marketplace. But Taiwan has to buy in advanced IT products from America and Japan. Small firms have enough problems securing bank loans, let alone obtaining the funds to finance research and development (R&D). And basic computer production can be done much more cheaply on the Chinese mainland.

The shift of routine manufacturing to much less developed societies in China and South-East Asia is a sign of Taiwan's increasing economic maturity. Taipei can look north to a stagnant Japan and south to the turmoil in the financial markets of the Association of South East Asian Nations and congratulate itself on doing rather well.

A planned high-speed western corridor rail link, which will cut travelling time to the south by more than half and with intermediate stations linked to a series of new towns, is billed as the biggest new infrastructure project in the world.

That is a clear sign of current confidence. The real challenges are long-term. Michael Porter, a Harvard management expert, has told officials that Taiwan should concentrate on capturing cutting-edge high-technology industries.

In its 1997-98 "white paper", the American Chamber of Commerce in Taipei argues that deficiencies in the present infrastructure, including water and electricity shortages, would make Mr Porter's ideas harder to put into effect.

There are hundreds of computer-hardware manufacturers in Taiwan making the products that are its biggest export earner. But while lauding their achievement, there is official recognition of a weakness in the way the sector is run. A handful of firms at the top of the IT industry are committed to R&D. But small and medium-sized companies make up 85 per cent of the sector.

Beyond the debate about the future shape of Taiwan's economy lies the China question. How far should Taiwan business beome involved in the fastest-growing economy on earth?

Businessmen and politicians are pulling in different directions. President Lee Teng-hui has been sending the message "Think of Taiwan's security. Do not over-commit yourselves on the mainland."

It will be interesting to see how Vincent Siew, Prime Minister since last month, and a politician with a strong background in economic affairs, copes with this particular China syndrome.

DENIS TAYLOR

Changing fortunes: reflecting the growing wealth of the island are the first Chinese-language *Vogue*, the spread of credit cards and a market for expensive fashions

LIFESTYLE

TAIWAN offers many lifestyles. This may be the most densely inhabited place on earth after Bangladesh, but there is still room for choice, *Denis Taylor writes.* The restaurants offer styles of cooking from many different regions of the Chinese mainland. Some local cooking even blends Chinese and Japanese influences.

There is now a vogue for Japanese food and films among young people who have no memories of the time when the occupiers forbade the teaching of Chinese.

Then there is the choice of which Chinese dialect to use. Mandarin is the lingua franca, as it is on the mainland. But some prefer to speak Southern Fukinese, the dialect of settlers who moved to Taiwan long before the Nationalist forces of Chiang Kai-shek.

Schoolbooks for young children now dwell on the history of Taiwan, which had only a few Chinese settlers and aboriginal inhabitants when the Dutch arrived there in the 17th century. This educational development is not well received by those bred to the idea that they are the heirs to 5,000 years of Chinese culture.

But the Chinese are adept at absorbing foreign influences while remaining as Chinese as ever. In Taipei there are branches of French and Italian fashion houses and American fast-food outlets. The young wear the latest international fashions, listen to rock music and often speak English well. They are the first Chinese who can vote for political movements of their choice, such as the rising Democratic Progressive Party.

But the Chinese street is never far away, with its traditional, sometimes rickety buildings. Taipei has Western classical concerts, Chinese and Taiwanese opera. There are discotheques and traditional tea-houses.

Where Western and Chinese trends meet is at the cinema. The islanders are keen cinemagoers. The Taiwan film industry once made more than 100 films a year. Output is sharply down, but productions such as *Eat Drink Man Woman* win international awards.

CULTURE

MOST great stories of art treasures are about how they were discovered by archaeologists, *Denis Taylor writes.* But there is nothing quite like the long march of China's artworks across thousands of miles of war-torn territory before they found a home at the National Palace Museum, on a hillside in a Taipei suburb, a permanent reminder that Taiwan's heritage is Chinese.

Some of the items, such as the bronze vessels, are thousands of years old. The collection was begun in the late 10th century AD, when the Sung Dynasty Emperor Tai-tsung ordered officials to search for fine examples of calligraphy and paintings dispersed among the people. The collection was notably increased in the early 12th century, but was soon broken up during a rebellion.

Some items were seized by Tartars. Others ended up in the hands of the general population. So the Emperor Kao-tsung had to start again. The Mongol invasion and dynastic changes meant that the collection was switched between cities.

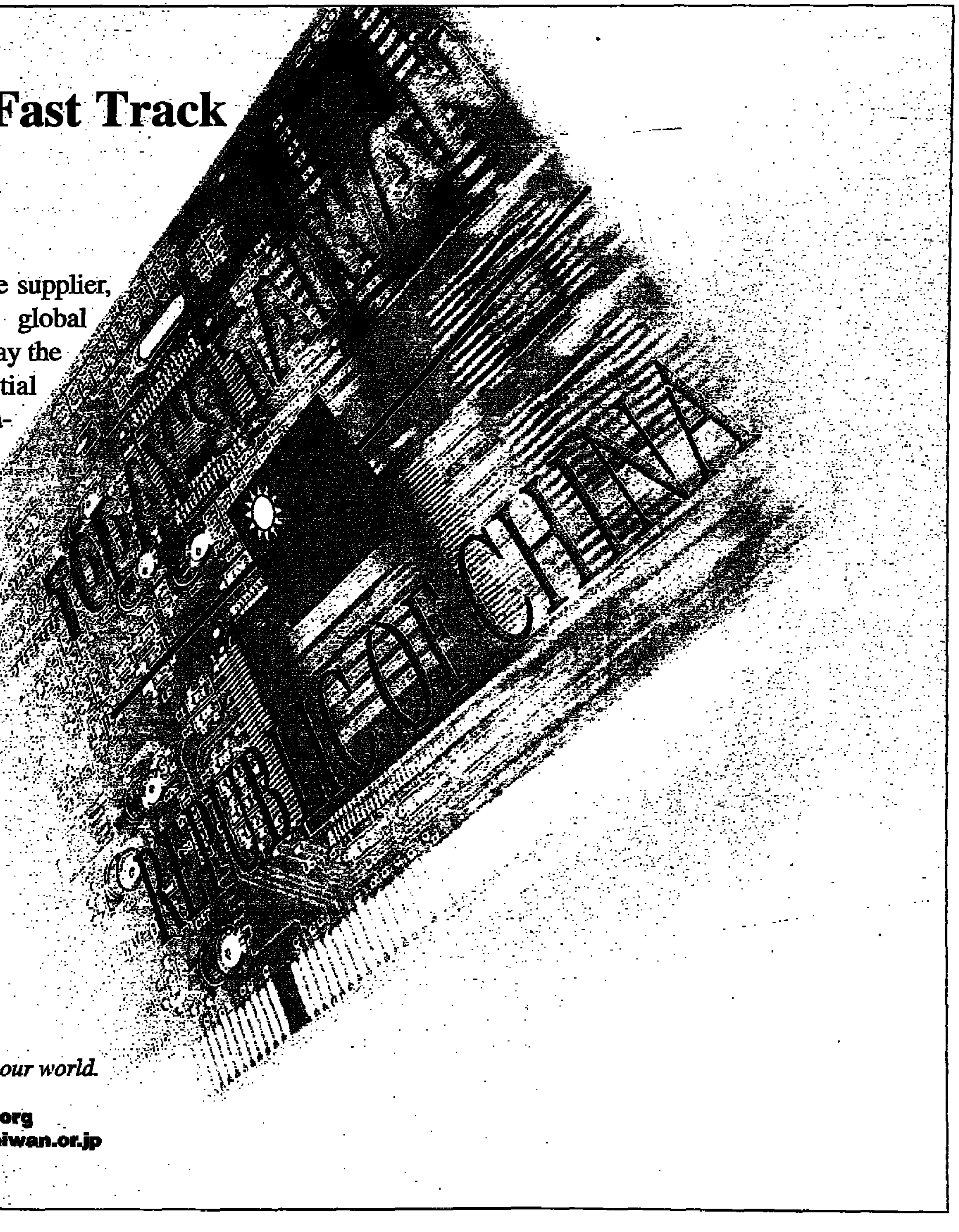
After the last Emperor, the now deposed Henry Pu Yi, was ordered out of the Forbidden City in 1924, the Palace Museum Collection was opened to the public. But the Japanese attack in Manchuria led to the collection being moved to Shanghai. This was the start of 16 years of wandering, as the collection was switched to Nanjing and into the interior of China and back again to evade Japanese and later communist armies.

The collection, which also includes ceramics, jade and lacquer, fans and tapestries, carvings and rare books was finally shipped to Taiwan in 1949.

The museum says that though some of the items had to be left behind, staff who had been involved in earlier migrations during the Japanese invasion made sure that all the best works were shipped out.

They were stored until the present museum opened in 1965. There are estimated to be 600,000 items. It is impossible to show all of them at once, so displays at the world's greatest museum of Chinese art are rotated.

Taiwan: On the Global Fast Track



As the world's third-largest computer hardware supplier, Taiwan is already a key player in today's global economy. Information technology is but one way the Republic of China is becoming an essential component of regional growth in the Asia-Pacific and an increasingly integral part of the international community. Democracy is thriving on Taiwan, and the island is working to become an Asia-Pacific Regional Operations Center, with intriguing investment possibilities for foreign transnational corporations.

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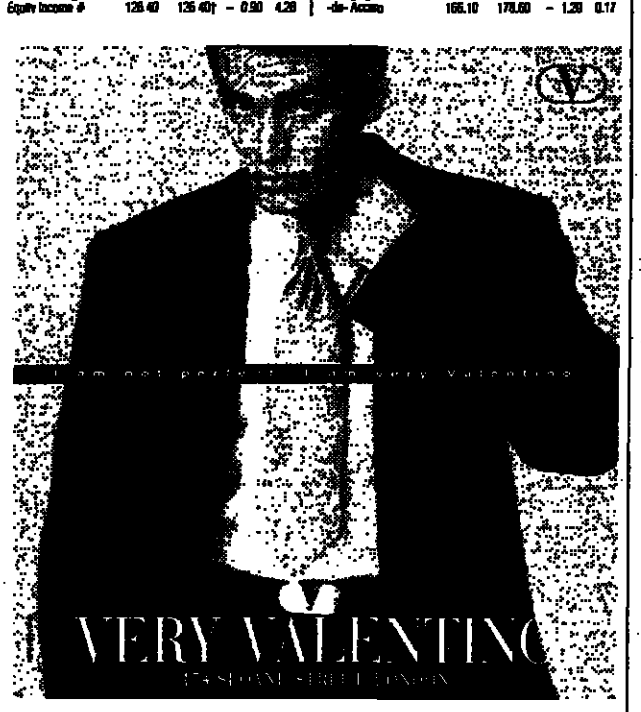
European Inc	136.50	134.30	- 1.20	0.03
Smaller Cos (4-1)	110.90	117.90†	+ 0.10	1.74
Growth	692.50	735.90†	- 8.40	1.67
Income & Growth #	586.40	623.90	- 5.90	4.07
-do- Accum #	916.10	974.60	- 9.30	4.07
Japan & Gen	59.09	62.62	- 0.49	
Hallmark Gwth	1514.00	1578.00†	-20.00	1.48
-do- Accum	1902.00	1982.00	-25.00	1.48
Special Sits	160.10	170.40	- 1.10	1.67
High Yield	1900.00	1959.00	-25.00	3.58
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	117.54	125.12	- 1.19	2.23
American Portfolio	166.12	176.09	- 1.19	0.68
European Portfolio	171.57	182.36†	- 1.32	0.38
High Income	55.69	58.62	- 0.95	6.46
Japanese Portfolio	54.82	58.13†	- 0.12	
Pacific Portfolio	146.92	157.98	- 1.07	0.76
UK Equity	115.74	123.60†	- 1.85	2.69
UK Equity & Bd	67.99	72.06	- 0.70	4.88
UK Smlr Cos	55.78	59.13†	+ 0.13	1.62
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	953.86	968.28		3.58
Inv Fd Acc	975.62	990.38		

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Fxd Int Sec Inc	164.28	164.94		8.67
Fxd Int Sec Acc	171.72	172.40	...	...
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	836.86	950.22	..	3.66
Investment Acc	4490.73	4569.73	.	
Fixed Int Inc	132.62	133.16	..	8.71
Fixed Int Acc	263.48	264.54	..	
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 556 8800				
Beckman Intl	96.49	101.45†	...	4.94
Beck Bio-Tech	46.75	50.49	+ 1.96	
Acorn Ethical Tst	228.06	271.08		0.39
City Fin Assets	92.60	97.24†		2.74
City Fin Intl	98.37	103.20	...	0.00
Fdars Hse Cap	372.08	395.83	.	7.56
Buckley Wrld Grs	158.71	169.23†	...	..
Shaw Utilities	82.39	84.17	- 0.46	4.13
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	84.35	88.28	- 0.03	.
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 239				
American Gwth	103.63	110.24	- 0.63	.
Dragon Growth	64.10	68.55	- 1.07	0.67
Equity High Inc	115.28	121.93†	- 1.66	3.32
-do- Accum	172.99	183.05	- 2.50	3.32
Extra Income Inc	28.62	30.12†	- 0.18	6.13
Extra Income Acc	38.27	38.01	- 0.21	6.13
European Gwth	86.10	91.11	- 1.05	0.04
Evergreen	37.54	40.14	- 0.10	.
General Equity	135.30	142.80	- 2.06	2.38
Japan Growth	39.37	41.88	- 0.52	.
Pedigree Gwth	81.58	86.32	- 0.80	1.87
Pfd Sm Cos Inc	42.57	45.05	+ 0.13	1.37
-do- Accum	45.60	48.25	+ 0.14	1.37
Retirement Inc #	34.55	36.76	- 0.43	5.12
Special Sits	55.65	59.94	- 0.32	2.50
UK & Overseas	73.25	77.51	- 0.89	0.52
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	82.87	86.32	- 0.91	3.46
Capital	102.79	107.07	- 1.36	1.86
High Income	56.49	58.84	- 0.33	6.41
Top 50	73.82	76.89	- 1.30	1.90
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	226.09	235.54†	- 2.23	4.10
Long Gilt	48.71	51.75†	- 0.41	5.26
Monthly Inc Plus	57.54	59.94†	- 0.35	7.47
Preference Share	54.36	56.63†	- 0.32	6.88
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	164.20	171.08†	- 1.54	5.24
Managed Fund	88.05	91.73†	- 0.98	2.47
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	53.68	55.92	+ 0.13	1.52
-do- Accum	84.19	88.87	+ 0.15	1.52
UK & General	124.72	129.93†	- 2.10	2.16
-do- Accum	167.02	174.00†	- 2.82	2.16
UK Growth	248.45	258.83	- 3.24	1.52
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	279.50	291.18	- 3.80	0.46
Far Eastern Grth	123.11	128.25	- 2.04	0.22
Global Bond	73.78	76.86†	- 0.10	6.68
Japan Growth	101.82	106.07	- 1.23	..
North Amer Grth	312.96	326.03	- 2.05	..
Oriental Growth	76.60	79.80	- 1.56	0.61
Worldwide Growth	86.13	89.73	- 1.05	0.29
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.54	91.54†	+ 0.01	6.27
Homemaker Fund	108.72	113.54	- 1.76	1.90
Quilter Fund	184.07	195.82	- 3.35	1.61
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 497 5966				
Consistent UT	41.66	44.54	- 0.14	2.78
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	201.00	213.80	- 1.80	2.00
Income	88.24	93.87	- 1.81	3.85
European	96.62	102.79	- 2.42	0.10
Recovery	200.10	212.90	- 1.20	1.90
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 8494				
Equity Dist	1244.30	1264.50	.	3.03
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
European Inc	88.95	94.47	+ 1.32	0.33
Fellowship Tst	120.70	129.30†	- 0.30	1.14
Income #	346.90	369.00	- 4.60	3.73
-do- Accum #	942.90	1003.00	-13.00	3.73
Smaller Cos	237.30	252.40	- 0.10	0.73
-do- Accum	296.50	315.40	- 0.10	0.73
Gilt Portfolio	118.80	126.30	- 1.40	1.25
High Inc Port #	101.40	107.80	- 1.40	3.87
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Global Sm Cos	1968.20	1988.60	+11.70	0.52
UK Small Cos	2351.50	2445.80	+30.60	2.81
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	258.30	264.20	..	..
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	217.10	230.90	- 3.59	1.40
UK High Inc Inc	233.10	247.90	- 3.60	3.04
-do- Accum	324.80	345.50	- 5.00	3.04
UK Prof & F I Inc	65.09	69.10	- 0.57	5.35
Environmtl Opps	130.60	138.90	- 1.40	0.72
UK Smlr Cos	77.37	82.30	+ 0.22	0.82
Extra Income Inc	54.56	58.01	- 0.36	6.50
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
Convertibles #	25.38	26.97†	- 0.41	5.19
Enterprise	123.70	131.10	...	1.91
Equity Income #	175.00	185.90†	- 4.00	3.44
European	78.26	82.85	- 1.84	...
Financial	72.43	78.96†	- 1.59	1.30
Growth & Inc #	358.20	380.60	- 7.20	2.30
High Dist #	224.50	238.50	- 4.40	3.56
International	465.70	494.80	-11.40	0.20
Int Cap Inc	127.50	138.10†	- 2.60	1.98
Latin American	44.34	47.11	- 0.47	.
Mgd Gwth Port	102.40	107.00	..	0.65
Pacific	82.13	87.26†	- 1.17	
Pref High Inc	25.32	26.90†	- 0.37	6.69
Tokyo	180.50	190.80†	- 2.00	..
UK Smaller Cos	257.50	273.60	- 0.20	1.10
Japan Sm Cos	290.20	307.40	- 1.60	
Nth Amer	561.60	594.10	- 6.80	0.49
UK Inc & Grth	319.80	341.20†	- 7.20	2.17
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Brit Director Dlgs	129.17	137.57	- 0.15	0.94
Growth Acc	328.01	349.39	+14.43	0.19
Income	653.08	696.42	+33.01	5.61
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7281				
Endurance Fd	262.50	279.30	- 2.40	0.90
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	116.87	123.02	- 2.54	1.41
Ethical Tst	58.00	61.05	- 0.88	0.87
Far Eastern	277.68	292.29	- 3.30	1.50
High Income	174.60	183.79	- 1.48	3.98
UK Index Tacking	67.31	70.85	- 0.58	2.37
Intl Growth	156.80	165.05	- 1.34	1.15
North American	195.56	205.85†	- 2.26	1.34
Pelican	180.79	190.31†	- 1.55	2.51
Smaller Cos	75.76	79.75	- 0.04	2.07
Special Sits	91.56	96.38†	- 0.23	3.00
Tst of Inv Tsts	245.59	258.52	- 1.77	1.47
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	134.93	143.18†	- 0.98	.
Fd of Inv Tsts	61.06	64.78	- 0.35	0.45
High Income #	42.42	44.98†	+ 0.07	11.12
Warr & Gl Opps	55.89	60.10†	- 0.47	
Zero Preference	48.89	51.87	+ 0.03	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	120.30	127.90†	- 1.40	2.07
United Charities	344.70	366.60†	- 0.70	2.37
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	.	6.50
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	27.06	28.06	- 0.09	5.21
Strategic Inc	30.18	31.55†	- 0.23	5.38
Income Funds				
High Income	31.55	33.14†	- 0.31	4.65
Income Plus	172.00	182.99†	- 2.30	3.28
European Income	64.23	68.22	- 0.55	1.64
Moneybuilder Gwth	40.14	40.43†	- 0.61	2.07
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	37.54	40.05	+ 0.56	
American	444.80	472.50	- 1.20	
Amer Spec Sits	264.30	281.30	+ 1.10	
Japan Smaller Cos	21.92	23.26	- 0.05	
European	309.70	329.30†	- 2.40	0.41
European Opps	111.70	118.70	- 1.30	0.49
Global Priv	40.58	43.15	- 0.30	0.39
UK Growth	154.60	164.40	- 1.90	1.19
Growth & Inc	227.50	241.90	- 3.80	1.97
Intl PEP	82.07	88.00	- 0.82	1.04
Japan Spec Sits	73.36	77.78	- 0.64	
Japan	179.30	189.80	- 1.60	
Managed Intl	456.30	484.60	- 4.80	0.55
Moneybuilder Plus	81.15	81.73	- 0.66	6.32
Recovery	73.36	78.04	- 0.27	1.75
South E Asia	192.90	205.60†	- 3.40	0.94
Special Sits	891.30	947.70†	- 8.10	1.19
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	121.43	121.43	+ 0.02	6.50
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	178.80	180.70†		1.53
Finsbury Pfl Inc #	110.10	111.60†	- 0.80	5.95
Cap Pfolio	199.70	201.50	- 2.60	0.08
General Opps	174.00	175.40		2.94
Growth Inc	47.76	48.30	- 0.69	1.53
Private Portfolio	583.40	590.00†	..	1.03
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 386 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	179.30	198.30	- 1.40	
High Income	24.27	25.79†	- 0.33	8.72
Japan Smlr Cos	13.87	14.65	+ 0.09	
US Smaller Cos	568.00	602.90	- 0.40	
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	108.70	115.20	- 0.30	...
-do- Accum	108.70	115.20	- 0.30	
Amer Smllr Cos	840.20	892.60†	- 2.60	
-do- Accum	858.30	911.80†	- 2.80	..
Capital Tst	422.80	449.80†		1.26
-do- Accum	629.20	669.40†	- 0.10	1.26
Contl Smllr Cos	70.14	74.80	- 0.13	1.03
-do- Accum	75.26	80.27	- 0.13	1.03
Convertible	151.70	161.40	- 2.70	5.38
-do- Accum	343.50	365.40	- 6.30	5.38
Emerging Markets	77.86	83.18	- 1.71	0.54
-do- Accum	78.48	83.85	- 1.71	0.54
European	198.10	210.70	- 2.50	0.40
-do- Accum	211.60	224.00	- 2.60	0.40
Extra Income	491.20	522.60	- 3.40	3.99
-do- Accum	809.20	860.50	- 5.60	3.99
Financial	243.10	258.60	- 2.60	0.94
-do- Accum	260.30	276.90	- 2.90	0.94
Gilt Trust	63.20	65.16†	- 0.30	7.04
-do- Accum	104.10	107.30†	- 0.50	7.04
Health Fund Inc	318.70	340.50	- 1.30	.
-do- Accum	318.70	340.50	- 1.30	
Income & Growth	285.10	303.30	- 3.50	3.54
-do- Accum	468.40	498.20	- 5.90	3.54
Intl Growth	502.00	534.40	- 5.40	..
-do- Accum	557.40	593.30	- 6.10	
Japan & Gen	149.60	158.70	- 1.20	
-do- Accum	151.10	160.30	- 1.10	..
Monthly Inc #	244.40	260.00†	- 2.30	4.26
-do- Accum #	252.50	269.70†	- 2.40	4.26
Managed Port Inc	142.30	149.80	- 1.10	1.20
-do- Accum	156.50	164.70	- 1.40	1.20
Quarterly Income #	67.05	71.68	- 0.59	5.17
-do- Accum #	80.58	86.14	- 0.71	5.17
Recovery	355.30	380.00	- 0.10	
-do- Accum	419.40	448.60	- 0.20	
UK Growth	80.62	85.77	- 1.00	1.79
-do- Accum	89.08	94.77	- 1.10	1.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 719835 Enq 01722 718894				
FP American	81.63	86.76	- 0.70	.
FP Am Smllr Cos	249.40	266.00	- 1.50	.
FP Asian Growth	244.90	261.20	- 1.70	..
FP Australian	491.90	524.60	- 1.30	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FP Equity Dist	573.10	611.30	- 8.70	1.85
-do- Accum	1293.00	1379.00	-19.00	1.85
FP Euro Gth	393.40	419.60	- 4.80	
-do- Accum	431.00	459.70	- 5.00	.
FP Intl Bond	57.74	61.10	- 0.20	4.84
FP Intl Gth Dist	45.89	48.94	- 0.53	..
-do- Accum	67.41	71.90	- 0.77	..
FP Pac Basin Acc	213.28	227.49†	- 1.70	..
FP Income #	72.00	76.80	- 0.96	4.24
-do- Accum #	261.20	278.60	- 3.50	4.24
FP Jap Smllr Cos	198.00	211.20	+ 1.00	..
FP Monthly Dist #	86.30	92.05†	- 0.89	4.73
FP Stlg Deposit	100.10	100.10†	...	6.10
FP Tokyo	75.85	80.90	- 0.69	
FP UK Focus	53.03	56.56†	- 0.86	1.35
FP UK Growth	252.60	269.40	- 4.50	1.42
-do- Accum	520.10	554.70	- 9.30	1.42
Stewardship Dist	490.00	522.60	+ 0.50	1.38
-do- Accum	623.40	664.90	+ 0.70	1.38
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	81.45	86.87	+ 0.06	4.85
-do- Accum #	116.10	123.80	+ 0.10	4.85
N Am Stshp Dist	169.40	180.50	- 0.50	..
-do- Accum	182.40	194.30	- 0.50	..
FP Exempt Trust				
Inst Ethical In #	126.70	127.30	- 0.80	2.90
Inst Ethical Ac #	128.10	128.70	- 0.80	2.90
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	154.60	164.40	+ 0.30	0.45
Opps Cap Gth Acc	156.10	166.00	+ 0.50	...
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	137.10	145.80	+ 0.10	2.42
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	148.50	157.98	+ 0.20	2.42
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	142.60	151.70	+ 0.40	3.46
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	156.58	166.58	+ 0.40	3.46
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	375.80	395.70	- 5.50	1.46
Cash	48.62	50.37	- 0.01	4.53
Growth Portfolio	105.30	112.00	- 0.80	..
Income Portfolio	88.19	92.63	- 1.33	2.66
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 826 9431				
American Smllr Cos	283.80	303.60	+ 0.40	0.11
European Gth	917.40	974.90	- 4.80	0.49
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	61.35	64.91†	- 0.40	3.26
-do- Accum	71.87	75.82	- 0.47	3.26
High Yield #	54.44	57.53	- 0.30	7.02
-do- Accum #	63.85	67.47	- 0.36	7.02
Income Inc	230.70	246.80†	- 2.90	3.60
-do- Accum	272.40	291.40	- 3.50	3.60
Intl Growth	441.50	467.60	- 2.70	0.28
Intl Income	116.80	123.80	- 1.40	1.91
Japan Growth	425.10	450.60	+ 0.10	.
Orient Acc	184.20	197.00	- 5.20	0.15
UK General Inc	235.20	251.10	- 3.70	1.57
UK General Acc	426.50	455.40	- 6.70	1.57
UK Sm Cos Div Acc	67.02	71.68	- 0.04	1.82
UK Spec Sits	121.80	130.30†	- 1.40	1.16
US Growth	251.80	266.20	+ 0.20	..
Wwide Spec Sits	208.80	221.50	- 1.00	..
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	75.85	80.87	- 0.95	1.68
Practical Inv Inc #	141.55	151.39†	- 1.11	3.18
-do- Accum #	352.14	376.62†	- 2.77	3.18
UK Index	227.00	228.14†	- 3.60	2.85
UK Smaller Cos	243.35	260.27†	+ 0.42	0.40
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	26.53	27.49†	- 0.10	6.86
High Income	43.03	45.89	- 0.51	3.33
UK Growth & Inc	199.34	212.84†	- 1.93	1.80
Global Bond	28.38	29.42†	- 0.05	4.96
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	52.65	56.31	- 0.62	..
Global Managed	168.30	178.67†	- 1.70	1.01
Gold & Intl Res	106.84	114.27†	- 0.02	.
Global Utilities	179.91	191.92†	- 2.10	0.43
Overseas Funds				
American	282.17	277.56	- 2.47	0.36
European	177.04	188.27	- 2.82	0.42
Euro Sel Opps	279.73	297.73	- 3.93	.
Amer Emerging	220.36	234.32	- 0.01	.
Hong Kong	202.66	217.40	-11.62	0.66
Japan	188.24	199.25	- 1.15	.
Pacific Growth	199.23	213.69	- 3.59	.
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Cash Trust	153.05	153.05†	+ 0.02	6.56
Managed Equity	307.40	307.40†	- 4.00	1.48
Long Term Bal	325.18	325.18†	+ 0.11	2.42
Med Term Bal	264.79	264.79†	- 2.54	2.62
UK Equity	383.79	383.79	- 5.57	1.90
UK Emerging Cos	193.74	193.74	+ 0.16	2.15
American	437.24	437.24†	- 4.10	0.17
Japan	111.05	111.05†	- 0.74	
European	459.73	459.73†	- 6.78	0.52
Index Linked Gilt	206.87	206.87†	- 1.09	2.54
Fixed Interest	200.74	200.74	- 1.28	6.67
Amer Emerging	478.60	478.60	- 0.14	.
Pacific	189.20	189.20	- 0.50	1.15
Emerging Mkts	153.03	153.03	- 1.19	0.70
Index Strat Japan	115.85	115.85	- 1.42	0.29
-do- Pacific Rim	176.45	176.45	- 2.51	1.43
-do- Cont Europe	246.91	246.91	- 5.62	1.14
Index Strat USA	263.89	263.89	- 2.38	1.09
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	145.34	154.61	- 2.02	
Med Term Bal	126.86	134.95	- 1.30	
Long Term Bal	146.94	156.31	- 1.58	.
UK Equity	179.04	190.46	- 2.77	..
UK Emerging Cos	81.50	87.34	+ 0.09	.
American	203.20	216.17	- 2.03	
Japan	53.15	56.54	- 0.37	.
European	191.53	203.75	- 3.02	..
Fixed Interest	104.12	110.76	- 0.62	
Index Linked Gilt	92.27	98.15	- 0.52	
Deposit	92.63	98.54	+ 0.01	..
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	177.23	188.56†	+ 0.28	0.48
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	812.94	864.83	- 5.31	0.03
-do- Accum	922.77	981.67	- 6.03	0.03
European Inc	225.32	239.21	- 2.67	0.49
Amalgam Inc	192.81	205.11		.
N America Inc	565.20	601.28	+ 2.36	.
Far East Inc	334.76	356.13	- 1.70	0.38
-do- Accum	347.45	369.63	- 1.76	0.38
UK Divid Inc	249.06	264.96	- 0.24	0.79
For John Govett see AIB Govett				
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9568				
European	752.60	804.80	- 8.50	..
Gilt & Fixed	140.00	149.50	- 0.90	5.87
Growth Equity	532.50	568.90	- 8.60	0.78
Income Trust	189.10	202.00	- 2.10	3.38
International	242.00	258.50†	- 2.30	
Japan Trust	106.70	113.90		..
Nth American	476.20	508.70	- 3.20	.
Pacific	493.30	527.00	- 4.20	0.28
Guardhill	754.00	805.50	-12.00	0.81
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
European Bond	101.56	105.35	- 0.17	4.75
Global High Inc	98.47	102.21	- 0.25	5.02
Stlg Bond Pflo	113.11	117.40†	- 0.92	6.32
Cazl Mgd Pflo	132.68	141.29†	- 1.37	4.57
European Pflo	166.18	176.69	- 2.36	
World Mkts Pflo	86.71	92.20	- 1.55	0.64
UK Eq Inc Pflo	176.29	187.44	- 2.16	3.11
-do- Accum	267.01	283.90	- 3.26	3.11
Recovery	498.40	529.80†	-11.90	2.46
-do- Accum	609.50	648.10	- 4.00	2.46
St Vinc High Inc	151.11	153.37†	+ 3.40	6.37
UK Emerg Cos	316.40	336.40	+ 0.20	2.68
Inst UK Sm Co	410.10	417.30	- 1.10	3.07
Glob Priv Tst	155.02	164.83†	- 1.68	1.14
-do- Accum	162.08	172.33	- 1.76	1.14
Inc Share Tst	104.90	111.53	- 0.14	7.51
Small Cos	99.67	105.96	- 1.01	1.74
HK & China Tst	104.46	111.07	- 3.93	.
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Balanced Inc	65.29	69.23†	- 1.36	2.90
Balanced Acc	71.22	75.52	- 1.47	2.90
Growth	41.47	43.97†	- 0.97	1.59
Growth Acc	43.62	46.25	- 1.03	1.59
Income	39.27	41.64†	- 0.94	3.61
Income Acc	43.54	46.17	- 1.04	3.61
Dealing: 01904 611110				
Accumulation Tst	34.87	37.77	- 0.60	2.47
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
High Provider	106.30	109.90†	- 1.00	6.23
Model Pfolio	305.80	321.30	- 4.30	1.52
HARGREAVES LANSDOWN FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 690 230 Dealing: 01277 690 412				
UK Perf Acc	55.70	58.10	- 0.31	2.57
HENDERSON INVESTORS				
Enquiries: 0645 494940 Dealing: 0645 454646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	412.73	441.62†	- 4.96	0.37
Best of British	90.82	96.53	- 1.35	1.66
UK Smaller Cos	166.93	179.43	+ 0.30	0.94
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	387.74	412.91	- 5.26	2.68
-do- Accum #	1127.10	1200.31	-15.28	2.68
High Income	422.02	451.13	- 3.84	3.67
Extra Income #	348.30	370.41†	- 3.95	5.66
Pref & Bond	55.16	57.01	- 0.18	7.50
International				
Ethical	142.94	152.86†	- 0.16	1.28
International	382.14	405.64†	- 3.26	.
Global Bond	54.73	57.62†	- 0.22	5.55
Ind Port Tst	115.43	123.42	+ 0.23	0.12
Global Tech	303.52	323.00	+ 3.37	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	178.84	191.24	- 1.78	0.95
European	826.42	875.81	- 9.20	0.04
European Income #	114.32	121.18	- 1.21	3.08
Euro Smllr Cos	235.27	250.98	- 1.38	0.30
European Value	122.19	130.19†	- 0.50	.
-do- Accum	131.95	140.59	- 0.55	.
Japan Trust	158.13	168.24	- 2.14	.
Japan Smllr Cos	132.61	141.04†	- 1.29	.
Pacific Smllr Cos	204.01	217.34†	- 2.12	
North American	432.70	458.81	- 1.67	.
American Smaller	239.97	255.15	- 0.16	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	156.61	166.08	- 3.09	1.28
Capital	243.77	258.25	- 3.90	1.01
Dollar	657.50	698.54	- 5.67	
Enterprise Gth	507.38	531.29†	- 4.87	0.66
European	356.71	372.47	- 3.26	
Far East	261.26	273.59	- 5.01	1.02
Financial	1438.62	1506.41†	-26.34	1.17
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	28.72	29.87	- 0.18	5.96
High Yield #	141.26	147.90	- 2.36	4.00
Income & Growth #	210.67	220.60	- 3.98	2.96
International	346.69	363.02	- 3.97	0.32
Japanese General	170.07	178.09	- 0.49	
Japan Tech	79.71	83.46	- 0.36	
Nat Resources	76.54	80.15	+ 0.31	0.64
Portfolio	99.61	104.30	- 1.38	1.62
Special Sits	242.54	253.97†	- 0.81	0.21
UK Emerging Cos	137.33	143.80†	- 0.05	1.03
US Smaller Cos	208.46	218.31	- 0.31	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisors 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	818.10	873.10	-13.30	4.35
UK Growth	864.00	922.10†	-15.50	1.69
High Income #	143.40	153.00†	- 1.50	5.08
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	827.10	873.70	- 6.80	.
European Gwth	204.40	217.20	- 2.80	0.02
Japan Gwth	250.90	266.60†	- 3.60	
Japan Smlr Cos	22.60	24.12	+ 0.05	
Asian	53.69	57.30	- 0.73	0.20
Sing & Malay Gwth	61.39	65.52	+ 0.59	
Hong Kong Gwth	211.70	225.90	-12.00	0.25
Global Bond	21.45	22.60	- 0.05	4.46
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	214.70	215.80	- 3.40	2.67
Trade Index	142.20	145.90†	+ 0.10	1.98
THE FOOTSIE FUND	87.37	87.81	- 1.72	2.25
Index Funds-International				
American Index	396.70	398.70	- 3.10	0.57
Eurotrack 100	262.30	263.60	- 3.90	0.94
Japan Index	61.17	61.48	- 0.78	0.20
Tiger Index	134.20	137.40†	+ 1.10	0.78
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	53.35	56.72	+ 0.06	1.63
General Funds				
Managed Dist	102.50	107.20	- 1.10	1.02
Managed	106.40	111.10	- 1.30	1.02
Rupert Child Fnd	138.80	142.70	- 2.70	1.39

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth	86.86	91.99	- 1.33	1.28
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	106.90	111.60	- 1.20	4.92
Gilt & Fixed Int #	28.84	29.80†	- 0.18	7.25
UK Inc & Gwth	61.54	64.27	- 0.95	2.31
UK Income #	470.40	491.30	- 5.80	3.78
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	83.24	86.12†	- 0.71	
Amer Smllr Cos	219.90	228.70	+ 0.60	.
-do- Accum	222.20	231.20	+ 0.70	...
Europe Gth	304.80	317.40	- 4.40	
-do- Accum	315.70	328.80	- 4.60	..
Euro Smaller Cos	53.68	55.89†	- 0.05	...
French Growth	116.70	121.20	- 1.30	0.06
-do- Accum	126.30	131.30	- 1.40	0.06
H Kong & China	138.80	144.60	- 7.00	0.22
Intl Growth	81.57	84.99	- 1.24	0.41
-do- Accum	83.11	86.50	- 1.26	0.41
Japan Gth	24.07	25.09	- 0.23	...
-do- Accum	24.07	25.09	- 0.23	...
Japan Smaller Cos	24.19	25.25†	+ 0.18	...
Glob Emg Mkts	110.30	115.20	- 0.90	...
-do- Accum	111.10	116.00	- 1.00	...
SE Asia	293.30	306.20	- 8.10	0.03
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	50.60	52.18†	- 0.23	6.26
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 690446				
UK Income #	139.70	147.80	- 2.40	2.76
UK Growth	144.50	152.90	- 2.50	1.38
Euro Growth	122.10	128.20	- 1.80	1.74
Slater Gwth	220.60	235.50	- 1.30	0.65
New Japan	66.56	70.71	+ 1.09	...
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	233.08	247.80	- 0.10	...
Income #	270.65	287.92	- 1.35	3.90
UK Growth	101.53	108.00	- 0.71	2.13
Intl Growth	100.62	107.03	- 0.85	0.41
Ecology	119.00	126.59†	- 0.35	0.68
European	265.92	272.26	- 1.95	0.48
Far Eastern	315.60	335.70	- 3.40	...
UK Special Sits	66.50	70.93†	- 0.17	0.37
Fd of Inv Tsts	62.55	65.71	- 0.49	0.48
High Income #	60.65	64.91†	- 0.45	4.65
Financial Opps	52.60	56.10	- 0.11	..
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	108.30	112.30†	- 0.60	6.21
Euro Priv Inc	128.40	136.50	- 2.70	2.62
-do- Accum	128.60	136.80	- 2.70	2.62
Gilt Yield	126.00	132.80†	- 1.60	6.38
Global Income	272.20	289.60	- 4.90	2.77
High Yield	200.70	213.50	- 6.10	4.45
-do- Accum	693.00	737.20	-21.60	4.45
Money Market	101.58	101.58	+ 0.02	6.69
Smllr Cos Div	70.40	74.89†	+ 0.03	3.45
Tomorrows Co Ex Acc	1187.00	1206.00	-26.00	3.19
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	213.10	226.60	- 1.60	.
Asian Growth	262.60	279.30	- 4.80	0.22
-do- Accum	309.20	328.90	- 5.50	0.22
North American	145.80	155.10	- 1.70	..
European Special	166.00	176.50	- 1.20	
European	232.80	247.60	- 5.10	0.52
-do- Accum	309.70	329.40	- 6.70	0.52
Global Eqty Inc	143.30	152.20	- 3.50	1.49
Japan	347.40	364.20	- 8.10	
Japanese Special	171.50	182.40	+ 0.60	..
Smaller Cos	163.30	173.70	+ 0.10	0.90
UK Equity Growth	63.38	67.42	- 1.33	1.05
UK Index Inc	425.80	428.00	-13.20	3.01
Birchen Tst	122.90	132.10†	+ 5.60	1.62
-do- Accum	126.00	135.40†	+ 5.60	1.62
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	387.40	412.13	- 6.59	4.01
Esk Growth	125.46	133.47†	.	1.60
Inc & Growth	86.30	91.81	- 1.51	3.26
Smaller Cos	105.59	112.33†	- 0.02	1.45
Ever Spec Sit Inc	64.43	68.54	+ 0.25	1.69
Ever Spec Sit Acc	67.80	71.91	+ 0.26	1.69
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	577.90	611.10	- 8.10	1.42
UK Inc/Gth #	615.10	652.60	- 9.50	2.94
UK Income #	435.30	461.90	- 4.90	3.82
UK Sm Cos	331.40	354.40†	+ 0.60	1.86
Euro Gwth	202.10	213.70	- 1.80	0.13
N Amer Gwth	158.20	167.90	- 1.30	..
Pacific Growth	9.63	10.22	+ 0.03	0.46
Emg Mkts Gwth	88.09	93.46	- 0.80	..
Japan Growth	50.67	53.75	+ 0.18	..
Dealing: 01277 842626				
Gwth Port Inc	85.09	89.98†	+ 0.32	0.59
Gwth Port Acc	86.92	91.91†	+ 0.33	0.59
Inc Port Inc	77.42	81.71	+ 0.29	3.33
Inc Port Acc	88.76	93.68	+ 0.33	3.23
Wwide Port	68.50	72.44	+ 0.25	.
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01222 448412 Dealing: 01222 883512				
Equity Dist @	749.20	749.20	-11.90	1.97
-do- Accum @	1585.00	1585.00	-25.00	1.97
Equity Income #	128.40	126.40†	- 0.90	4.28



	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Tactical Allocn @	86.68	86.68†	- 1.69	4.88
European @	189.50	189.50†	- 2.70	0.15
Far Eastern @	207.70	207.70†	- 2.20	...
Fixed Interest @	58.79	58.79†	- 0.28	7.31
Gilt @	96.87	96.87	- 0.64	6.08
Global Growth @	92.13	92.13	- 0.84	...
Intl Bond @	49.72	49.72†	- 0.14	5.35
Japanese @	63.76	63.76	- 0.48	.
North American @	296.70	296.70	- 2.00	.
Pacific Growth @	110.60	110.60†	- 1.50	0.38
Pacific Index @	43.40	43.40†	- 0.52	2.28
UK Index @	97.76	97.76	- 1.53	2.51
UK Recovery @	139.60	139.60	- 1.70	1.43
UK Smaller Cos @	181.10	181.10†	+ 0.40	1.05
US Index @	115.60	115.60	- 1.00	0.73
European Index @	119.80	119.80†	- 1.50	1.01
Japan Index @	31.43	31.43	- 0.40	
Worldwide @	117.30	117.30	- 1.30	0.95
LINCOLN UNIT TRUST MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	71.12	76.06	- 1.53	1.99
Income	83.89	89.72	- 1.18	3.37
Far East	40.64	43.46	- 0.58	.
North American	177.40	189.20	- 0.60	
Global	102.30	109.40	- 0.80	0.29
European	133.00	141.90	- 0.70	0.57
Japan	75.59	80.58	- 0.59	
Intl Currency Bd	57.01	60.39†	- 0.19	4.94
SE Asia	84.67	90.56	- 1.79	0.47
UK Cap Growth	128.10	137.60†	- 1.80	1.71
Recovery Trust	103.10	110.20	- 1.20	1.83
Managed	81.58	87.35†	- 0.62	1.50
Cash	51.50	51.50	+ 0.01	6.44
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	520.41	553.70	- 8.50	1.77
-do- Accum	1255.00	1336.00	-21.00	1.77
Contl Euro Gth	101.60	107.00	- 1.40	0.01
-do- Accum	110.00	115.80	- 1.60	0.01
Extra Inc #	362.10	385.30	- 5.90	3.33
Extra Inc Acc #	1027.00	1093.00	-16.00	3.33
FTSE 100 Inc	161.40	171.80	- 3.38	1.98
FTSE 100 Acc	172.00	183.00	- 3.50	1.98
German Gth	*182.80*	*192.50*	*- 1.90*	*...*
-do- Accum	191.70	201.80	- 2.00	
Growth Port	787.70	838.00†	-19.60	0.07
-do- Accum	830.30	883.30	-20.60	0.07
High Interest Inc	109.90	113.60†	- 0.70	6.71
High Interest Acc	123.50	128.00	- 0.80	6.71
Hi Reserve Inc #	125.38	133.40	- 1.50	5.29
Hi Reserve Acc #	143.12	152.30	- 1.70	5.29
Income Inc #	713.70	759.30	-12.10	2.95
Income Acc #	2071.00	2204.00	-36.00	2.95
Income Port	689.30	723.40	- 9.30	3.71
-do- Accum	800.30	851.40	-10.68	3.71
Japan Growth	87.45	93.04	+ 0.28	..
-do- Accum	87.75	93.36	+ 0.35	
Master Trust	79.34	84.41	- 0.90	1.09
-do- Accum	93.22	99.18	- 1.02	1.09
Millennium Acc	119.00	126.60†	..	1.99
N American Gth	326.90	347.80	- 2.80	0.02
-do- Accum	378.40	402.60	- 3.10	0.02
NAm Sm Co Inc	252.70	268.90	- 0.23	...
-do- Accum	257.90	274.40	- 0.20	
Pacific Basin	217.10	231.00	- 4.40	0.51
-do- Accum	231.40	246.20	- 4.70	0.51
Safety First Acc	114.40	120.50	- 1.10	1.76
Do until 2/10/98 ‡	109.20		..	
Small Cos Rec	563.80	599.50	+ 0.40	1.91
-do- Accum	793.20	835.00	+ 0.40	1.91
UK Eq Gth	208.30	221.80†	- 5.00	2.19
UK Eq Inc #	165.70	176.30†	- 2.90	3.50
UK Growth	133.70	142.30	- 0.60	1.45
-do- Accum	170.70	181.80	- 0.80	1.45
Worldwide Gth	422.30	443.30	- 4.50	0.22
-do- Accum	624.70	664.60	- 6.60	0.22
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	119.55	127.81	- 0.90	0.30
General	137.19	147.19	- 2.24	2.10
Income	90.87	97.43†	- 1.37	4.10
International	84.93	91.12	- 0.86	0.30
Japan	48.97	52.41	- 0.15	
Tst of Inv Tsts	88.53	94.98†	- 0.57	0.90
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	686.60	724.80	- 4.80	0.13
-do- Accum	880.50	928.90	- 6.00	0.13
Amer Recovery	884.50	925.70	- 5.60	0.05
-do- Accum	1023.20	1082.10	- 6.50	0.05
Amer Smllr Cos	209.60	221.60	- 0.10	..
-do- Accum	214.10	226.40	- 0.10	
Australasian	229.30	241.40	+ 0.20	2.16
-do- Accum	292.10	308.60	+ 0.20	2.16
Capital	1103.40	1166.90	-14.60	2.57
-do- Accum	1350.20	1427.20	-17.90	2.57
Charifund	961.60	971.30	-17.50	5.00
-do- Accum	5212.50	5264.70	-95.00	5.00
Commodity	475.40	502.70	- 0.30	0.61
-do- Accum	704.40	745.00	- 0.40	0.61
Compound Grth	1349.50	1427.10	-27.50	2.29
-do- Accum	1509.10	1595.90	-30.80	2.29
Corporate Bond	28.49	29.58†	- 0.24	6.20
Dividend	54.00	57.10	- 1.10	4.16
-do- Accum	248.90	263.50	- 4.80	4.16
Equity Income	375.40	397.00	- 2.90	5.01
-do- Accum	544.10	575.40	- 4.20	5.01
Euro & General	793.80	839.60	-15.40	0.50
-do- Accum	1024.70	1083.70	-19.80	0.50
Euro Dividend #	98.50	104.20	- 1.50	3.17
-do- Accum #	129.10	136.50	- 2.00	3.17

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	61.70	65.30	+ 0.40	0.50
-do- Accum	61.90	65.60	+ 0.50	0.50
Extra Yield	563.80	595.40†	-12.30	4.65
-do- Accum	1985.30	2098.60†	-43.10	4.65
Fund of Inv Tsts	818.70	865.80	- 7.70	1.36
-do- Accum	1587.20	1680.70	-15.00	1.36
General	88.32	93.40	- 2.10	3.16
-do- Accum	268.30	283.90	- 6.50	3.16
Gilt Income	67.73	67.83	- 0.75	5.70
-do- Accum	216.80	217.20	- 2.39	5.70
Gold	58.30	61.60	+ 0.70	0.84
-do- Accum	70.90	74.90	+ 0.90	0.84
High Income	41.10	43.59	- 0.80	4.14
-do- Accum	182.90	193.60	- 3.70	4.14
Intl Growth	98.20	103.80	- 1.30	0.64
-do- Accum	174.80	184.80	- 2.50	0.64
International Inc	134.50	142.20	- 1.50	3.72
-do- Accum	218.70	231.20	- 2.60	3.72
Japan & Gen	29.70	31.30	- 0.40	.
-do- Accum	31.80	33.60	- 0.40	..
Japan Smlr Cos	101.80	106.80	- 0.70	...
-do- Accum	101.76	107.50	- 0.70	..
Managed Gwth	30.60	32.36	- 0.30	1.36
Managed Income	35.80	36.80†	- 0.50	4.14
Midland	67.20	71.10	- 0.10	2.88
-do- Accum	239.20	253.10	- 0.30	2.88
Pension Ex	1319.50	1352.50	-27.90	3.37
Recovery	56.80	60.10	- 0.70	2.53
-do- Accum	100.10	105.90	- 1.20	2.53
Second General	86.50	91.50	- 1.10	3.84
-do- Accum	242.60	256.50	- 3.20	3.84
Smaller Cos	69.40	73.40	+ 0.10	2.71
-do- Accum	147.80	156.30	+ 0.20	2.71
Sth East Asia	348.50	368.50†	- 0.30	1.51
-do- Accum	471.50	498.60†	- 0.40	1.51
Treasury	25.14	25.20†	+ 0.01	6.69
Trustee	53.00	56.00	- 0.80	4.46
-do- Accum	235.30	248.70	- 2.90	4.46
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	138.00	146.80†	..	0.36
Intl Bond	62.50	66.72	..	3.78
Intl Equity Growth	102.88	109.19	...	0.46
N Amer Growth	179.20	189.95†	..	0.54
Special Sits Growth	35.32	37.57†	..	1.94
UK Growth	586.65	624.10†	..	2.21
-do- Accum	829.22	882.14	...	2.21
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01820 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1594.20	1616.50	.	2.80
Income #	1198.40	1217.19		4.20
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	192.70	197.10†	..	3.63
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
High Income #	104.80	109.10	- 1.20	5.98
Investment Pflo	212.60	219.20	- 3.70	2.02
-do- Accum	257.60	265.60	- 4.50	2.02
UK Select Pflo	198.60	204.70	- 4.60	1.99
-do- Accum	244.30	251.90	- 5.80	1.99
UK 100 Cos	154.20	154.20†	- 4.50	2.15
-do- Accum	180.30	180.30†	- 4.70	2.15
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 642				
Managed Tst	79.39	84.45†	...	2.90
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	103.40	109.80†	- 1.40	3.77
European	130.80	138.80	- 1.40	0.32
Income #	104.80	110.40	- 1.90	3.91
Nth American	134.20	142.60	- 1.70	0.08
Far East	177.30	188.20	- 1.30	..
Japan	60.59	64.32	- 0.25	..
Emging Mkts	103.30	110.50	- 0.20	0.41
Intl Growth	162.30	172.30†	- 1.80	0.21
UK Growth	151.50	160.80	- 1.90	2.34
UK Smlr Co	69.11	73.36	+ 0.11	1.88
Asia Pacific	35.98	38.48	- 0.42	0.75
Glob Gwth PEP	78.24	83.05†	- 0.86	0.73
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	118.30	125.90†		..
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	591.30	629.14†	-18.03	2.95
Global Inc	91.28	97.09†	- 1.27	2.57
Brit Leaders Inc	465.45	495.16†	- 8.39	1.61
Intl Leaders	298.19	317.22†	- 4.42	0.88
PAM Mg Bal Grth	80.04	83.33†	+ 0.51	0.19
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	364.80	384.50	- 2.50	..
-do- Accum	390.10	411.00	- 2.80	..
American Opps	158.50	165.90	+0.500	...
-do- Accum	159.50	168.00	+0.500	..
British Blue Chip	124.40	132.00†	- 1.70	2.28
-do- Accum	164.90	175.10†	- 2.20	2.28
Cash	101.20	101.20		6.66
-do- Accum	155.30	155.30	...	6.66
Emerging Mkts	163.80	178.10	- 1.20	0.17
-do- Accum	166.10	178.60	- 1.20	0.17
European Growth	426.90	451.90	- 4.60	0.12
-do- Accum	466.00	493.20	- 5.10	0.12
European Income	105.80	111.90	- 1.50	3.62
-do- Accum	159.40	168.70	- 2.10	3.62
General	731.10	777.00†	-10.10	2.07
-do- Accum	1525.00	1621.00†	-21.00	2.07
Global Bond	129.00	135.50†	- 0.40	4.23
-do- Accum	179.40	188.40†	- 0.70	4.23
Gold & General	167.30	178.90	+2.600	0.41
-do- Accum	173.10	185.10	+2.600	0.41
Govt Securities	100.60	103.70	- 0.60	5.47
-do- Accum	221.40	228.30	- 1.20	5.47
High Yield Bd	102.10	111.70†	- 0.70	6.12
-do- Accum	132.30	125.28†	- 0.90	6.12
Income	242.90	257.90	- 3.30	3.49
-do- Accum	417.10	443.20	- 5.50	3.49
Inc Portfolio #	130.70	139.30†	- 1.70	4.72
-do- Accum #	148.90	157.70†	- 1.90	4.72
Intl Opps	679.40	724.20	- 5.40	0.68
-do- Accum	923.10	984.10	- 7.30	0.68
Japan	166.30	177.20	- 0.30	.
-do- Accum	170.70	181.90	- 0.30	
New Europe	296.90	316.70	- 3.70	0.89
-do- Accum	311.70	332.50	- 3.90	0.89
Pacific	95.42	101.80	- 0.40	0.22
-do- Accum	102.80	109.80	- 0.50	0.22
Recovery	563.30	600.90	- 5.80	1.51
-do- Accum	750.20	800.20	- 7.70	1.51
UK Smaller Cos	66.60	71.04†	+0.100	1.43
-do- Accum	77.99	83.19†	+0.120	1.43
Portfolio	111.40	118.20†	- 1.00	2.52
-do- Accum	140.40	148.80†	- 1.50	2.52
Managed Grth	145.10	152.60	- 1.40	1.66
Managed Inc	141.70	147.00	- 1.60	3.67
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	200.09	212.85	- 2.11	0.11
Portfolio	97.32	103.53	- 1.12	1.16
UK Income Inc	117.03	124.50†	- 1.63	3.80
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	80.69	84.70†	- 1.19	2.34
-do- Accum	91.59	95.91†	- 1.25	2.34
British Tst	137.68	144.90	- 3.70	1.81
-do- Accum	168.30	176.20	- 4.50	1.81
Corp Bond Inc	105.90	109.70	- 0.40	6.45
-do- Accum	114.30	118.40	- 0.40	6.45
Extra High Inc	85.06	89.09†	- 0.93	5.64
-do- Accum #	193.80	202.90†	- 2.10	5.64
FTSE 100 Acc	94.52	98.97	- 1.93	1.83
FTSE 100 Dist	86.98	91.08	- 1.81	1.83
Gilt & Fxd Int	59.13	61.52†	- 0.30	6.00
-do- Accum	198.50	206.50†	- 1.00	6.00
High Yield	297.50	311.50	- 3.90	5.33
-do- Accum #	853.40	893.60	-11.10	5.33
Household Names	120.60	121.20†	- 2.10	1.48
Income	408.70	428.00	- 6.80	3.54
-do- Accum #	994.10	1041	-17.00	3.54
Money Market UT	49.71	49.72	+ 0.01	6.40
-do- Accum	87.04	87.06	+ 0.02	6.40
Monthly Income	117.80	123.30†	- 1.50	4.11
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	176.70	188.00	- 3.40	1.76
European Growth	184.00	195.90	- 0.10	.
Gilt & Fixed	112.10	118.90	- 0.60	5.91
Income	136.70	145.40	- 2.20	3.56
Japan Growth	39.84	42.23	...	
Managed	79.58	105.90	- 1.40	2.28
Money Market	100.60	106.70	+ 0.10	5.12
North American	147.20	156.10	+ 0.80	
Midland FS/AVCS Unit Trust				
British	160.20	170.40	- 3.10	1.78
European Growth	173.30	183.70	- 0.10	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	104.70	111.00	- 0.50	5.93
Income	133.90	142.40	- 2.10	3.56
Japan Growth	39.81	42.19	- 0.01	
Managed	95.79	101.90	- 1.30	2.24
Money Market	92.70	98.29	+ 0.02	5.12
North American	131.20	139.70	+ 0.40	
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	158.80	168.90	- 3.00	1.76
European Growth	169.40	179.59	- 0.10	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	94.19	99.83	- 0.51	5.93
Income	130.00	138.30	- 2.00	3.56
Japan Growth	40.84	43.23	..	..
Managed	98.70	106.00	- 1.30	2.24
Money Market	83.81	88.86	+ 0.02	5.14
North American	147.60	156.40	+ 0.50	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	618.40	654.80	- 4.00	..
European Gth Inc	688.50	732.20	- 5.70	
-do- Accum	697.10	748.20	- 5.80	..
Intl Gwth	281.60	298.40	- 3.20	.
UK Equity Inc	268.40	285.60†	- 4.70	3.61
Do. Accum	380.20	404.30†	- 6.70	3.61
UK Growth Inc	158.00	168.10	- 1.80	2.83
-do- Accum	164.50	176.00	- 1.90	2.83
UK Ind Trckr Inc	246.70	263.30	- 4.30	2.52
-do- Accum	317.00	332.90	- 5.40	2.52
US Eq Idx Trk Inc	381.20	402.80†	- 3.90	0.86
Japan Tracker	56.40	59.50	- 0.78	
Asian Tracker	197.50	213.00†	- 2.50	0.32
Mngd Pfolio Inc	222.40	236.80	- 2.70	1.49
Mngd Pfolio Acc	246.20	262.10	- 3.00	1.49
Deposit Inc	99.97	99.97†	+ 0.01	6.59
Europa	296.20	305.50	- 1.00	
Genesis	229.00	249.40	+ 0.10	1.26
High Income	21.41	22.80†	- 0.16	10.80
Japan Growth	87.82	93.23	- 1.25	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 000 933				
Acumen	128.50	129.20†	- 1.20	1.78
Acumen Inc	112.00	115.20†	- 1.10	1.78
Acumen Reserve	107.70	108.90†	- 0.70	6.46
-do- Inc	78.69	79.48†	- 0.57	6.45
American Growth	92.78	94.78	- 0.18	..
Equity Income #	131.40	134.80†	- 2.00	3.56
European	103.40	105.30†	- 0.70	...
Smaller Cos	101.10	105.60	+ 0.10	1.29
W'wide Eqty	93.60	95.50	- 0.05	..
Global Bond	42.41	42.85	- 0.05	4.53
UK Growth	136.10	148.20	- 1.98	1.08
Pacific Growth	108.08	111.80	- 1.60	1.26
Japan Growth	88.90	90.48	- 0.41	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 510				
Avon Equity	190.91	203.10	- 4.69	1.87
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	165.80	174.80	- 0.70	0.14
European Dist	195.80	205.90	- 1.90	0.30
Far East Dist	163.40	172.00	- 1.10	..
Global Care Dist	102.30	108.30	- 0.50	0.53
Ocean Dist	1249.80	1314.50†	-14.00	0.26
-do- Accum	1627.50	1713.30	-18.20	0.26
UK Dist	546.30	575.10	-10.20	1.50
-do- Accum	1130.50	1190.00	-20.80	1.50
UK Extra Inc Dist	110.70	116.50	- 1.30	3.17
Wwide Dist	133.80	140.80†	- 2.00	..
Wwide Inc Dist	102.10	107.50†	- 1.70	1.38
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europe Inc	101.60	107.20	- 1.50	0.29
Fund of Funds Inc	81.18	85.68	- 0.85	1.17
North America Inc	86.61	91.41	- 0.85	0.10
UK Equity Gth Inc	87.80	92.67	- 0.98	1.73
-do- Accum	96.32	101.66	- 1.05	1.73
UK General Inc	81.96	86.50†	- 1.01	1.86
-do- Accum	93.04	98.19	- 1.15	1.86
UK Gilt/Fx Int Inc	49.55	52.18†	- 0.21	6.62
UK Income Inc	83.33	87.94	- 0.89	2.73
UK Smlr Cos Inc	128.60	135.70†	- 0.30	1.96
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	68.40	72.76†	+ 0.30	...
-do- Accum	68.94	73.34†	+ 0.31	..
Bond	136.37	144.74	- 0.89	4.62
Cash Income	51.07	51.07	+ 0.01	6.31
-do- Accum	72.30	72.30	+ 0.01	6.31
Challenger	85.63	89.94	- 1.07	0.92
Charitable	128.36	137.61†	- 2.03	2.41
European	76.85	81.75	- 1.00	...
Foundation	133.64	142.08†	- 0.09	1.58
General Inc	274.35	291.85	- 6.55	0.99
General Acc	280.21	298.09	- 6.68	0.99
Growth Inc	171.07	181.98†	- 5.22	1.66
Growth Acc	178.82	190.23†	- 5.44	1.66
Higher Income Inc	41.52	44.16†	- 0.43	5.07
-do- Accum	52.63	55.98†	- 0.55	5.07
Income	339.51	361.18†	- 2.99	3.36
Iomphil	176.65	184.01	...	1.86
Intl Gwth	47.16	50.17	- 0.92	..
Japan	27.62	29.38	+ 0.08	..
Oriental Inc	141.17	150.18	- 1.45	0.34
-do- Accum	146.36	155.70	- 1.51	0.34
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income #	57.15	60.48†	- 0.63	5.63
UK Growth	142.90	151.20	...	2.41
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	164.44	173.09†	- 1.89	0.81
UK Equity	214.79	226.10†	- 4.01	2.35
UK Equity Income	193.92	204.13	- 2.57	2.99
UK Smaller Cos	163.65	172.26	+ 0.30	1.16
UK Equity Growth	180.12	189.60†	- 1.86	1.30
UK Index Trckg	213.14	224.35†	- 1.66	2.16
Intl Index Trckg	205.92	217.33†	- 2.17	0.58
International	327.11	344.33	- 3.80	0.67
European	332.98	350.51	- 3.81	..
Pan European	223.07	234.81	- 3.26	0.78
Nth American	315.99	332.62	- 3.16	0.11
N Amer Smlr Cos	347.83	365.29	- 4.10	.
Japanese	81.66	85.96	- 0.75	..
Pacific	207.93	218.87	- 1.63	0.98
South East Asian	229.24	241.31†	- 2.30	0.94
Sterling Bond	108.19	113.89†	- 0.70	6.06
Intl Bond	127.01	133.69	- 0.45	3.91
Gilt & Convertible	118.50	124.74	- 0.80	5.71
Property	91.60	96.42	- 0.12	6.30
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	479.60	514.80	- 2.10	0.33
-do- Accum	509.78	547.00	- 2.20	0.33
Japan Inc	90.13	95.45†	- 1.18	...
Nth American Inc	208.40	220.48	- 1.50	0.07
Worldwide Inc	221.40	235.30†	- 2.90	0.02
Hong Kong Inc	218.80	234.10	- 9.80	0.64
Swiss Equities Inc	121.80	130.00	- 1.10	
Wwide Bond Inc	68.68	72.80†	- 0.26	5.15
Emging Asia Inc	165.00	178.80	- 2.40	0.33
-do- Accum	165.60	179.20	- 2.40	0.33
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.48	50.48	+ 0.01	6.20
Thailand Inc	54.99	59.90	+ 0.27	2.13
New Zealand Inc	106.30	114.10†	+ 1.20	1.80
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	89.93	96.20	- 1.34	0.51
Latin Am Cmp Inc	95.69	102.60	- 1.10	0.58
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	89.86	91.13	- 1.45	3.03
Broker Unit Trusts				
Way Global Blue	95.69	101.80†	+ 0.49	...
Global Portfolio	83.41	88.21	+ 0.34	...
Way Global Rec	75.28	80.08	+ 0.37	...
Marsh Global Grth	70.86	75.14	- 0.54	0.14
AMR Brit Gwth Inc	134.30	143.70	- 2.80	0.71
Temple Equity Inc	55.39	60.28	- 0.24	1.40
Hartley Growth	143.80	152.80	+ 0.30	0.52
Intl Growth Inc	87.86	93.97†	- 0.30	...
IFS Portfolio Inc	112.50	119.10	+ 0.20	.
Roxburgh Strat Gth	84.42	90.29	+ 0.02	0.16
UFC Growth	76.55	81.87	+ 0.12	0.65
Cranfield Port of Fds	80.79	84.50	+ 0.11	...
PM UT MGRS LTD				
0171 586 3969				
Equity Gth	282.60	300.60	- 2.09	0.78
European Gth	173.80	184.60	- 2.40	0.22
Income & Gth #	193.00	205.30†	- 1.70	2.58
Japan Gth	[illegible]	98.79	- 0.08	..
Nth Amer Gth	305.10	323.40	- 2.20	0.08
Overseas Gth	*145.80*	*154.90*	*- 1.20*	*...*
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	355.80	378.30	- 6.30	1.57
-do- Accum	794.50	845.10	-14.10	1.57
Growth	227.10	239.00	- 4.10	1.97
Income	339.80	358.30†	- 4.80	3.14
Intl Equity	329.00	350.50†	- 2.70	0.27
-do- Accum	369.60	393.10	- 3.50	0.27
Equity Income #	91.38	97.20	- 1.29	4.41
Equity Growth	118.80	127.40	- 0.70	1.38
New Europe	136.00	144.60	- 1.10	..
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	844.73	902.49†	-13.71	0.22
-do- Accum	853.37	911.73	-13.85	0.22
Income	556.34	595.02†	- 6.66	2.49
Wwide Recovery	558.28	597.10	- 7.03	0.23
Amer Growth Inc	384.04	408.19	- 8.22	0.01
-do- Accum	384.04	408.19	- 8.22	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	330.93	353.94	- 4.19	0.01
Far Estn Grth Inc	296.03	316.62	- 3.61	0.71
-do- Accum	299.74	320.58	- 3.65	0.71
Euro Gwth Inc	249.53	266.28	- 4.21	0.01
-do- Accum	250.99	267.15	- 4.22	0.01
UK Growth Inc	142.91	152.85	- 1.68	2.12
-do- Accum	157.08	168.00	- 1.85	2.12
High Income	145.56	155.68	- 1.91	2.81
Jap Gwth Inc	155.34	166.14	- 2.42	0.01
-do- Accum	155.34	166.14	- 2.42	0.01
PEP Bond	64.33	67.10	- 0.31	6.78
PEP Growth	180.09	192.39	- 2.76	0.39
Asian Slr Mkts Inc	124.91	133.60	- 3.10	0.22
-do- Accum	125.32	134.04	- 3.10	0.22
Amer Smlr Co Inc	257.42	274.18	- 2.05	0.01
-do- Accum	257.42	274.18	- 2.05	0.01
Global Bond	55.56	58.55†	- 0.19	4.47
UK Smaller Cos Inc	118.04	126.25	- 0.23	1.88
-do- Accum	127.86	136.75	- 0.25	1.88
Lat Am Gwth Inc	48.47	51.69	- 0.32	0.01
-do- Accum	49.25	52.52	- 0.33	0.01
World Inc PEP #	51.03	54.36†	- 0.58	4.00
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3927				
American	180.90	192.45	+ 0.89	..
European	127.63	135.76	+ 0.15	..
Global	74.90	79.68	- 0.19	.
Pacific	53.95	57.18†	+ 0.66	..
UK Inc & Grth	98.38	104.65†	+ 0.47	1.30
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 0171 588 8800				
Asia	52.41	55.37†	+ 0.03	
Emerg Mkts	55.99	59.41	.	0.27
Euro Fund	54.18	57.49	+ 0.11	
Fund of Funds	233.50	245.79	+ 0.53	0.02
High Income #	61.52	64.76†	+ 0.13	5.48
Performance	57.49	61.80†	+ 0.12	.
PREMIER PORTFOLIO MGRS LTD				
01483 456 832				
Special Sits	253.60	271.20	+ 2.00	0.47
Dividend	124.40	133.08	- 2.10	3.38
Intl Gth & Inc	291.20	310.20	- 3.90	1.28
UK & Gen	60.38	64.56†	- 0.84	1.05
Fund of Funds	88.35	94.49†	+ 0.33	...
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	207.82	215.75	- 0.72	2.27
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	159.90	169.70	- 1.10	1.92
Conv & Gilt	133.70	142.20†	- 0.30	3.81
Euro Spe.Sit Acc	130.00	138.30	- 0.10	..
Extra Income	224.10	238.40†	- 2.60	3.82
-do- Accum	305.00	324.50	- 3.30	3.82
Far East	369.00	392.50†	+ 0.10	0.85
-do- Accum	377.50	401.60	+ 0.10	0.85
Global Income	31.46	33.38	- 0.17	4.14
High Income	172.50	183.50	- 1.80	3.98
-do- Accum	225.70	240.10	- 2.40	3.98
International	255.20	271.50†	- 2.10	0.14
-do- Accum	266.40	283.40	- 2.10	0.14
Pref & Fxd Int	50.49	53.71	- 0.15	6.65
Recovery	103.60	110.20	- 0.60	2.22
Special Sits	168.20	179.00	- 0.40	1.44
-do- Accum	188.90	200.90	- 0.50	1.44
Technology	902.70	960.30	+ 5.80	..
UK Blue Chip	112.20	119.30†	- 1.90	2.56
-do- Accum	134.30	142.80	- 2.20	2.56
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
UT Dealing: 0345 400008 Client Enq: 0345 838800				
Managed Tst	51.06	53.74†	- 0.51	1.92
Cash Haven Inc	101.64	102.14	+ 0.01	6.17
Cash Haven Acc	124.00	124.61	+ 0.02	6.17
Dist Trust Inc	121.58	125.99†	- 1.28	4.73
Dist Trust Acc	144.07	149.30	- 1.51	4.73
Global Growth	123.47	131.35	- 1.65	0.66
Equity Inc	105.79	112.54	- 1.11	3.87
Equity	1103.87	1174.33†	-16.88	1.60
European	350.84	372.89	- 4.82	0.22
High Income	107.70	114.57†	- 1.21	4.57
Intl Gth	249.73	265.67	- 3.30	1.00
Intl Sm Co	103.99	110.63†	- 0.83	0.78
Japanese	145.35	160.62†	- 2.48	.
Mgd Income Tst #	51.01	52.72†	- 0.29	7.47
Nth Amer	350.11	371.25	- 3.22	0.81
Pacific Mkts	108.88	110.55	+ 0.04	1.17
Premier Inc	49.95	51.98†	- 0.23	6.02
Sm Cos	119.57	127.20	+ 0.18	1.63
Spec Sits	154.82	164.70	- 2.15	1.61
UK Growth	187.84	198.86	- 3.24	1.56
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	100.43	105.60†	- 0.22	4.35
Investment Trust	134.62	141.56†	- 0.44	0.35
UK Smaller Cos	119.88	126.06	+ 0.20	1.59
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	436.20	452.70†	- 7.90	2.19
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000 Client Services: 0800 124 314				
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	48.60	50.85	+ 0.18	.
Cash	48.50	50.52	+ 0.01	4.23
Emerging Mkts	58.13	60.70	- 0.11	.
Europe	80.88	84.47	- 0.11	.
Global Fixed Int #	51.04	53.30	- 0.02	4.21
Japan	35.31	36.87	+ 0.07	.
North America	89.97	94.56	+ 0.26	.
UK	81.92	85.55	+ 0.38	0.35

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Inc #	74.83	79.42	+ 0.02	3.28
UK Fixed Int #	54.59	57.01	- 0.11	6.85
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gth Port	61.69	63.92	+ 0.21	..
Pep Inc Port #	61.67	63.90	+ 0.09	2.84
Five Arrows Global Investment Funds				
A Shares				
Asian Opps ‡	48.40	...	- 0.37	
Asia Pacific ‡	50.42	...	+ 0.56	0.93
Europe ‡	51.39	.	- 0.55	..
Japan ‡	49.70	...	+ 0.62	...
Latin America ‡	51.86	...	- 0.42	..
North America ‡	51.37	...	- 0.46	
UK Eq Income #	51.33	..	- 0.51	3.74
UK Major Cos ‡	50.81	..	- 0.81	0.58
UK Smaller Cos ‡	52.98	..	+ 0.27	1.07
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	177.10	187.70†	- 0.70	0.28
Pacific Basin	73.97	79.10†	- 1.36	0.32
High Inc Dist	208.20	221.60†	- 1.50	3.19
Ryl Life Int Clery	69.12	73.06†	- 0.53	3.88
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	94.82	100.80	- 0.70	.
Ryl Life Intl Spec	83.64	88.97†	- 0.56	
UK Emerging Cos	142.30	153.80	+ 0.60	1.14
UK Index Tckg	255.90	271.30	- 1.90	2.98
European	231.90	246.40	- 0.80	0.13
Managed	222.50	239.20	- 1.50	0.61
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	256.90	272.70	- 2.20	0.97
European Growth	201.18	213.50†	+ 0.90	1.01
Far East Growth	139.90	148.80	+ 0.32	0.55
Japan Growth	103.29	109.68	+ 1.00	0.52
Special Sits	268.80	285.80†	- 1.80	1.59
UK Growth	131.90	140.30	- 1.10	2.44
Intl Growth	341.50	363.48†	- 0.40	1.59
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 8500				
Far East Inc	151.80	160.40	- 1.50	0.44
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	545.90	577.70	- 3.30	0.70
-do- Accum	858.70	908.60	- 5.00	0.70
Growth Inc	185.00	195.80	- 0.30	0.18
-do- Accum	190.40	201.50	- 0.30	0.18
International Inc	493.00	521.70	- 1.90	0.20
-do- Accum	683.90	723.70	- 2.00	0.20
Nth Am & Intl Inc	521.80	552.20	+ 1.70	..
UK Gen Prog Inc	310.80	328.70	- 3.30	1.58
-do- Accum	359.50	380.60	- 3.80	1.58
UK High Inc Inc	184.00	194.70	- 2.20	4.27
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	116.72	124.16	- 2.60	0.75
European Gwth	126.40	134.46	- 0.95	1.00
Global Bd	61.81	65.29†	- 0.08	5.00
Japan	48.17	51.24	- 0.57	..
UK Gwth	108.21	115.11	+ 0.54	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770				
Amer Smllr Cos	201.00	213.80	- 0.40	..
Cash	141.80	141.80†	...	6.59
China Dragon	83.55	88.86	- 3.05	0.19
Commodity	147.20	156.60	- 0.10	..
Emerging Mkts	46.81	49.80	- 0.09	0.40
European Gwth	319.70	340.10	- 4.40	...
Euro Smllr Cos	86.87	92.42	+ 0.58	..
Extra Income #	67.90	70.36	- 0.76	5.44
Far Eastern	91.50	97.34	- 1.34	..
FE Sm Cos	42.51	45.22	- 0.02	0.75
Financial Secs	424.40	451.50	- 7.90	1.28
Gold & Exploration	80.86	84.74	- 0.11	.
Growth	584.40	567.20	- 8.50	1.42
High Income	53.48	53.48	- 0.25	6.06
Intl Bond	160.20	169.30†	- 0.10	4.73
ITU	277.40	295.10†	- 2.60	0.72
Japan Growth	137.80	146.20†	- 0.40	.
Japan Smaller	115.60	122.50	+ 1.20	..
Korea	31.08	33.07	- 0.22	..
Latin America	59.86	63.68	- 0.79	0.21
Mastertund	76.82	77.21	- 0.69	0.88
Premier Eq Gth	213.90	227.60	- 2.50	1.13
Premier Eq Inc #	461.60	491.10	- 6.00	3.77
SE Asia	41.69	44.35	- 0.86	0.16
Southern Africa	57.67	61.35	- 0.41	0.93
UK & O'seas	245.10	260.70	- 4.00	0.65
UK Eqty Gth	106.50	113.30	- 1.30	1.11
UK Eqty Inc #	330.50	351.60	- 5.40	3.65
UK Gth & Inc #	387.20	411.90	- 8.50	2.39
UK Sm Cos	66.38	70.62	+ 0.21	0.89
US Growth	293.90	312.50	- 2.30	..
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Bstr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	437.92	462.80	- 7.65	0.63
-do- Accum	486.07	513.68	- 7.83	0.63
European Gwth	117.53	124.80	- 3.38	0.25
Euro Smllr Cos	132.54	140.93	- 1.11	...
-do- Accum	134.45	142.96	- 1.12	...
Far Eastern Gth	104.09	111.92	- 1.26	...
-do- Accum	106.19	113.16	- 1.28	...
Gilt & Fixed Int #	55.76	58.74†	- 0.66	7.32
Global Bond #	47.22	48.79	- 0.15	6.35
-do- Accum #	59.13	61.09	- 0.19	6.35
Global Emer Mkts	59.70	63.69†	- 0.40	..
-do- Accum	59.78	63.74†	- 0.40	..
Income #	518.95	551.42†	- 8.37	4.28
-do- Accum #	1820.95	1942.25†	-33.02	4.28
Japan Smlr Cos	266.19	282.85	- 0.44	.
-do- Accum	285.72	303.43	- 0.43	..
Japan Enterprise	59.34	63.29†	- 0.60	..
Pacific Gwth	139.66	148.29	- 1.35	0.53
-do- Accum	145.50	155.20	- 1.40	0.53
Portfolio	112.43	119.74	- 1.27	1.67
-do- Accum	127.07	135.33	- 2.56	1.67
Seoul	26.81	28.59	- 0.32	..
-do- Accum	26.81	28.59	- 0.32	..
Smaller Cos	369.72	394.35	- 0.74	1.80
-do- Accum	442.81	472.32	- 0.89	1.80
Strategic Inc	117.43	125.21	- 1.88	2.30
Strategic Acc	120.42	128.40	- 1.72	2.30
Tokyo	120.15	128.15†	- 1.31	.
-do- Accum	121.36	129.44†	- 1.33	.
UK Enterprise	412.57	440.07	- 8.24	1.92
-do- Accum	522.39	557.21	-10.44	1.92
UK Equity	379.17	404.59	- 9.70	2.08
-do- Accum	783.51	835.75	-18.08	2.08
US Smllr Cos	344.05	366.64	- 2.87	.
-do- Accum	344.05	366.64	- 2.67	
Institutional Funds				
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	441.89	457.47	- 8.26	0.36
Euro Smllr Cos	42.87	44.69	- 0.11	0.87
-do- Accum	46.53	48.41	- 0.12	0.87
Global Equity Inc	109.82	114.16	- 0.81	0.76
Japan Smllr Cos	25.59	26.65	+ 0.12	0.13
-do- Accum	25.88	26.96	+ 0.13	0.13
Mngd Balanced	260.81	271.87†	- 3.22	3.39
-do- Accum	314.85	327.13†	- 3.88	3.19
Overseas Equity	240.15	250.38	- 2.45	0.85
-do- Accum	263.52	274.33	- 2.52	0.85
Oseas Smllr Cos	141.37	147.26†	- 0.65	0.84
-do- Accum	150.79	157.01†	- 0.06	0.84
Pacific	253.93	264.51	- 3.67	1.72
-do- Accum	284.47	296.32	- 4.11	1.72
Recovery	2812.61	2929.80	-21.13	2.78
-do- Accum	3177.98	3310.40	-23.88	2.78
UK Index	234.34	244.10†	- 1.72	2.76
-do- Accum	310.74	323.68†	- 2.28	2.76
UK Small Cos	158.17	164.76†	- 0.21	2.60
-do- Accum	179.22	186.69†	- 0.23	2.60
US Smllr Cos	89.52	93.02	- 0.86	0.63
-do- Accum	92.10	95.71	- 0.90	0.63
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	76.08	80.45	- 0.65	2.25
Equity Trust	99.53	105.25	- 0.74	2.55
Equity Strategy	105.70	111.78	- 0.32	1.78
European Opps	137.35	145.25	- 0.42	0.15
UK Smaller Cos	84.43	89.35	+ 0.27	1.47
Medium Inc	96.18	101.71	+ 0.84	7.73
Japanese	56.35	59.59	- 0.96	.
Asia Pacific	107.99	114.20	- 1.05	0.56
American	182.23	192.71	- 1.58	0.88
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	34.89	34.89†	...	6.75
UK Eq Gwth Inc	76.41	81.49	- 1.33	3.00
-do- Accum	106.25	113.32	- 1.85	3.00
Intl Income	353.69	376.42†	- 4.92	1.42
-do- Accum	633.64	674.35†	- 8.81	1.42
European	135.93	144.41	- 2.86	1.35
Japan	55.89	59.21	- 0.22	0.19
American	136.19	143.81†	- 1.19	1.17
Far East Tact	80.17	85.51	- 1.03	1.28
Ethical Inc	45.13	48.27	- 0.18	1.56
UK Blue Chip Inc	51.62	55.15	- 0.99	3.36
UK Equity Inc	53.53	57.10	- 0.83	4.17
UK Global Inc	59.48	63.42	- 1.01	1.86
Wwide Tact	102.06	108.62	- 1.36	1.01
Europe Tactical	98.13	104.68	- 1.46	0.98
Technology	198.18	211.09	- 0.85	0.71
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	636.20	678.40	-11.30	2.29
American	451.60	477.90	- 3.80	0.17
Pacific	378.20	398.90	- 3.90	0.16
European	837.10	885.30	- 9.40	0.81
Worldwide	108.60	116.20	- 1.00	0.22
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	418.00	445.80	- 7.50	1.88
-do- Accum	561.40	597.30	-10.20	1.88
UK Str Co Eq Inc	294.80	313.60	- 0.50	1.58
-do- Accum	366.90	390.40	- 0.40	1.58
Select Opprty Inc	100.80	107.30	- 1.40	1.66
Income Plus Inc	105.60	112.40	- 1.50	2.78
European Inc	570.00	604.80	- 7.30	0.60
-do- Accum	661.20	701.60	- 8.50	0.60
Far Eastern Inc	160.80	171.10	- 2.50	0.85
-do- Accum	188.30	200.47	- 3.00	0.85
Japanese Inc	52.27	55.61	- 0.60	.
Nth American Inc	459.10	487.50	- 2.30	0.67
-do- Accum	508.60	540.10	- 2.60	0.67
Intl Growth Inc	259.50	276.10	- 2.60	0.29
Wwide Venture Inc	112.80	120.00	- 1.38	0.35
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 668 3724				
Equity Inc	555.60	586.90	- 3.40	2.00
-do- Accum	869.70	918.90	- 5.20	2.00
UK High Inc	266.60	281.60	- 1.60	1.82
-do- Accum	427.10	451.20	- 2.60	1.82
Europa Inc	621.40	656.60	-12.00	0.23
Nth Amer Inc	408.30	431.10	- 2.10	..
Global Inc	305.20	323.50	- 2.10	0.26
Global Acc	332.40	351.10	- 2.40	0.26
UK Spec Sits Inc	159.00	168.00	- 0.60	1.96
South East Asia	183.40	193.60	- 3.90	0.50
Cash Unit Inc	101.70	101.70	..	6.44
UK Smlr Cos Inc	133.70	141.30	+ 0.60	1.90
-do- Accum	143.20	151.20	+ 0.50	1.90
Intl Bond Inc	91.19	95.79	...	3.99
International Strat	93.21	98.71		.
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	209.30	220.30	- 2.60	0.09
Nth American	182.20	191.60	- 0.20	..
Intl Bond & Curr	136.90	144.10	- 0.70	5.86
Pooled Pension	283.50	304.80	- 4.10	1.90
Smaller Cos	132.10	139.00	+ 0.20	1.13
UK General #	208.30	219.30	- 3.00	1.97
Far Eastern	81.23	85.50†	- 0.86	...
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 8228				
Continental	117.50	124.20	- 0.60	0.74
Global Gwth	97.24	102.80	- 1.00	1.00
Inv Tst Port	85.34	89.51	- 0.47	2.20
Managed	1562.98	1638.17	-22.49	1.46
Pref Inc #	113.20	120.40†	- 0.80	8.17
Smaller Cos	298.40	317.40	- 0.50	0.80
Ireland SIB Recognised				
UK Equity Inc ‡	100.84	... †	- 2.33	4.28
Sterling Reserve ‡	101.04	. †	+ 0.01	5.35
Corporate Inc ‡	104.07	. †	- 1.33	5.00
Tst Pan ‡	105.08	. †	- 2.04	.
Aznac ‡	99.93	. †	- 0.37	..
Amer Gth Fund ‡	179.14	... †	- 7.86	...
European ‡	208.38	. †	- 2.67	.
Global Bond ‡	99.21	. †	- 0.24	6.07
Samurai ‡	49.95	. †	- 0.51	..
UK Growth ‡	128.75	. †	- 3.55	2.48
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	101.31	. †	- 0.15	2.78
Investment Trust ‡	126.16	. †	- 1.26	1.58
The Football Fd ‡	87.47	. †	- 0.45	..
Reserve Roll Up ‡	101.36	...	...	..
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	586.80	620.70	+ 1.50	..
Capital	173.00	183.00	- 1.00	1.10
Cash	100.94	100.94†	+ 0.01	6.50
European	208.00	217.80	- 0.50	0.21
Far Eastern	166.50	176.10†	+ 1.50	0.36
Growth	206.40	218.40	- 0.90	1.16
Income #	166.40	176.00†	- 0.30	4.61
Magnum	182.10	192.70	- 0.90	1.18
Smllr Secs	643.20	680.80†	+ 0.50	0.10
Thoroughbred	213.20	225.60†	- 1.00	1.22

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0800 73 11 693				
Conifd Primace	61.54	65.79	- 0.17	7.04
Ethical	91.12	97.34	- 0.12	0.00
European Growth	103.80	110.20	- 1.50	0.16
Income #	73.97	79.11	- 0.77	4.13
Intl Growth	130.60	138.40	- 1.20	.
Managed	112.40	119.10	- 1.50	0.76
UK Growth	90.25	95.52	- 0.66	1.36
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 33 33 63				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	54.58	54.86	- 0.16	1.21
Global Advtg Acc	60.00	60.30	- 0.18	1.21
Income Advtg Inc	45.03	45.26†	- 0.26	3.45
Income Advtg Acc	54.47	54.75	- 0.30	3.45
UK Equity Gth Acc	124.30	131.80	- 0.40	1.46
Premier Inc Inc	53.49	54.56†	- 0.38	6.51
Premier Inc Acc	60.65	61.87	- 0.38	6.51
Managed Acc	75.00	79.50	- 0.12	1.74
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	51.70	54.81†	- 0.30	3.17
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	71.43	75.72	- 0.40	3.17
UK Smlr Cos Acc	52.94	56.12	+ 0.40	0.58
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	102.80	109.30	- 0.60	1.34
UK Equity Gen Inc	73.34	75.07†	- 0.38	1.34
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	33.75	35.71†	- 0.28	6.11
Dynmc Lrg Co Acc	417.70	453.30	- 0.20	3.09
Nth American Acc	78.72	83.64	- 0.80	0.07
Pacific Basin	39.93	42.43	+ 0.20	0.50
European Acc	74.41	79.07	- 0.10	0.28
Japan Acc	24.30	25.82	+ 0.28	0.00
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZS)	5.408	5.743	..	1.80
US Eqts (US$)	4.653	4.926†	..	0.62
Far East Eqts (yen)	258.40	274.50†	..	..
FT Europe	204.60	218.60†	..	0.98
FT N Amer (US$)	3.934	4.161†	..	...
FT Japan (yen)	143.60	151.70†	..	..
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.792	2.965†	...	0.49
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	658.20	695.50	- 3.90	..
British #	1552.20	1642.20†	-15.30	2.20
Emging Mkts	200.10	212.40	- 0.10	0.44
Euro Gwth Inc	119.80	127.00	- 1.30	.
Euro Small Co	67.57	71.98	- 0.16	0.18
Japan	109.08	115.58	- 0.79	.
Asia Pacific	433.00	461.10	- 1.10	1.11
-do- Accum	471.10	501.70	- 1.20	1.11
Inv Trust Acc	343.00	363.60	- 2.80	0.50
Mngd Equity	238.20	252.00	- 3.90	2.23
Mngd Cash	95.49	95.49	+ 0.02	6.46
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
Equity	1385.00	1481.90	-24.00	1.48
North America	262.30	280.50	- 2.00	..
Far East	154.00	164.80	- 1.30	.
Wwide Bond	56.61	60.05†	- 0.22	4.20
European	192.50	205.60†	- 1.40	0.16
Equity Income #	142.00	151.80	- 2.50	3.81
Portfolio	138.20	147.80	- 1.80	1.81
UK Leading Cos	106.50	113.60	- 2.30	1.86
High Inc Bond	51.75	51.83	- 0.18	5.99
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	88.52	94.67	+ 0.04	..
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Autumn UT	21.29	22.65	- 0.32	1.38
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	104.18	110.84†	- 0.64	6.60
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	115.27	122.63	- 0.71	6.60
European	68.30	72.66	- 0.77	0.39
Japan	33.00	35.11	- 0.21	0.01
Managed Assets	174.44	185.57	- 2.31	2.05
North American	62.49	66.48	- 0.51	0.01
Smlr Co's Inc	40.36	42.94	+ 0.12	2.09
Smlr Co's Acc	44.71	47.57	+ 0.12	2.09
UK Growth Inc	83.07	88.38	- 0.33	1.67
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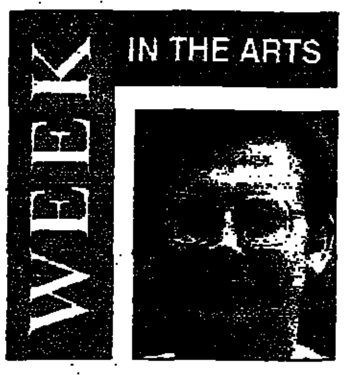
Look north for the future of music



RICHARD MORRISON

What if I announced in advance that I was going to give you 900 words about the proposed new Regional Music Centre in Gateshead? You would shudder. Your eyes would glaze over. Your limbs would turn to jelly. The paper would slip from your limpid fingers, and you would stagger towards something more riveting, like the Tory party conference on the telly.

So I shall dissemble. This is really a fairytale about how musical life could exist in an ideal country at an ideal time. It would be a place in which men and women of vision are backed by enlightened politicians and resourceful bureaucrats, and cynicism is unknown in the ranks of orchestras, and all children have wonderful opportunities to develop their instrumental and choral talents, irrespective of whether their families are on the dole or rolling in dosh. In short, it's the place I visit in my dreams. Except that this fairytale is really going to happen. In Gateshead. In four years' time. Well, let's say six — British builders are involved.

But what really endears Gateshead's Regional Music Centre to me is its phoenix quality. This is a bird that has soared from the ashes of pessimism, a victory snatched from the jaws of defeat, a winning break on a cloth untrue with a twisted cue and elliptical billiard balls. I think you get my drift, and drift it certainly is. For years our orchestras have been rubbished, written off, pitied. Buffeted by falling audiences, falling subsidies, falling record sales and jeremiads in the press, they appeared to be spinning towards a sad little Götterdämmerung all their own.

Then a band comes along — it's the Northern Sinfonia — which, in tandem with a "can do" town council, has planned a future that not only preserves local musical life but immeasurably enriches it. It intends to pulverise the notion that an orchestra is simply a group of people paid to give concerts in quaint costumes. Instead, it takes its cue from a celebrated statement hitherto honoured more by quotation than by action: Pierre Boulez's remark that "the orchestra is an ensemble of possibilities which excludes absolutely nothing".

What the Northern Sinfonia plans is a traditional concert-giving role run in parallel with a whole new community responsibility. Its players will sometimes divide into smaller ensembles and embark on schools' tours. Or they will work with young composers in colleges. Or they will provide expert inspiration to children just starting out on the long journey towards mastery of an instrument — following the excellent Scandinavian principle that you *must* persuade the best players to teach the *youngest* kids, so they pick up good habits straight away.

In short, the orchestra — which already serves a huge swath of the North with its concerts — will reinvent itself as something much more: a focus for an entire region's musical aspirations, amateur and professional. And that's where the Regional Music Centre comes in. Sited right next to the magnificent Baltic Flour Mills project (which will bang the same sort of drum for the visual arts) the Regional Music Centre — gosh, I'd give them a fiver myself if they came up with a snappier title — will include not only two halls but a music teaching centre as well. Norman Foster will design it. And it won't just embrace classical music: Folkworks, the region's pioneering traditional-music agency, will also operate there.

Of course, such centres are not new. In Leipzig 150 years ago Mendelssohn established exactly that sort of regional music hothouse at the Gewandhaus — and that institution has flourished as a great orchestra and a focus for a community's culture. Indeed it was symbolic, and rather touching, that when communism crumbled in 1989 the Leipzig citizens flocked to the Gewandhaus, and its director Kurt Masur, for guidance.

In America, too, some orchestras have realised that survival into the 21st century means going out into the communities — yes, even the black and Hispanic communities — and making friends, not sitting tight in the concert hall. Nor is the Northern Sinfonia the only enlightened orchestra in Britain. The City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra has pioneered excellent educational projects. The London Symphony Orchestra has grasped the vital truth that television is the key to all mass audiences, and is forging ahead with bold plans to televise itself. The Bournemouth orchestras, too, have revolutionary community plans.

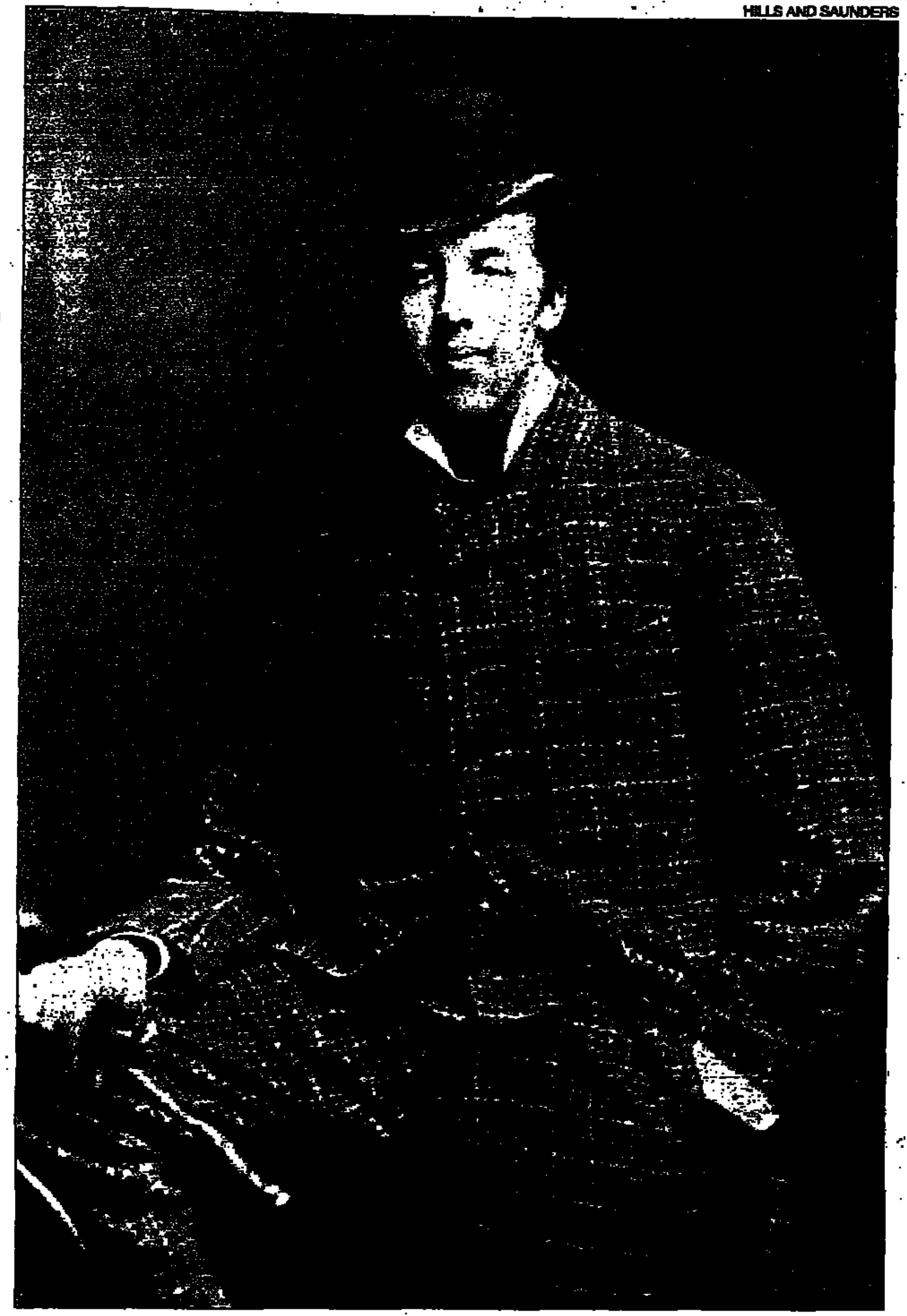
All these orchestras know that if they don't do the missionary work for music, nobody else will. Certainly not the schools, most of which can't scrape together enough pennies for a penny whistle these days. But I still think the Northern Sinfonia's plans are the boldest and best, because (although they have had fine music directors) they haven't had a one-in-a-million figurehead like Simon Rattle, or loads of City backing like the LSO, or a large middle-class hinterland to support them, like the Bournemouth orchestras.

So three cheers for them. And a pat on the back for the Arts Council for being enlightened enough to give them an extra £1.7 million grant last month to help them to achieve their dream. My goodness, it pains me to write that sentence. But one must give credit where it is due. War will be resumed next week.

Not the genuine Oscar

Merlin Holland laments the disturbing inaccuracies in *Wilde*, the new film portrayal of his grandfather

HILLS AND SAUNDERS



In the flesh: the real Wilde as a fashionable undergraduate at Oxford in April 1876

There is an unhealthy preoccupation in our family with the selling of souls. My grandfather warned the Victorians of the dangers in *The Picture of Dorian Gray* and promptly disposed of his own to a beautiful and tempestuous young man called "Bosie" Douglas. I nearly sold mine for 30 pieces of silver a year ago, but my integrity got the better of me.

Marc Samuelson, producer of the new film on Oscar Wilde, asked if I would consider a role as consultant on the life of my grandfather. It appeared to be a flattering offer. All too often the heirs to literary estates, worried about having the image of their ancestors tarnished by scandal, are tiresomely uncooperative with film-makers and biographers. Wilde's case is different since most of the skeletons fell out of the family cupboard in 1895 and we have nothing left to conceal. In two decades of researching his life and works I have stated publicly that I would never whitewash him.

During that lunch I expressed surprise that the producer had purchased film rights to Richard Ellmann's biography of Wilde. It was merely a "safety measure", was the explanation, so I warned him of the pitfalls in Ellmann and waited to see a screenplay.

I waited for a year. It arrived three weeks before filming was due to start. Wilde's homosexuality was the mainstay of the film. It included a scene of Oscar playing voyeur to Bosie's activities with a rent boy at the Savoy, for which there is not a scrap of evidence.

On the big screen: Oscar Wilde as played by Stephen Fry in the new film

I have no problem at all with the portrayal of my grandfather's homosexuality, but it should remain only a part and not be sensationalised. In an interview Julian Mitchell, who wrote the screenplay, stated that the most important reason for the continuing interest in Wilde was the romance he had with Douglas. It is a view which panders to public prurience and entirely misunderstands the complicated and charismatic man who still fascinates today. "My Art," said Wilde in *De Profundis*, "was the real passion of my life; the love to which all other loves were as marsh-water to red wine." But of his art in this film, apart from the odd curtain call, there is sadly no evidence.

However, my main criticism was of the ending. The last scene was to have shown Oscar and Bosie falling into each other's arms in the railway station at Rouen — Oscar's wife, Constance, having died two scenes before. The reality, less neatly, was the reverse. On his release from prison Wilde went to France, where he spent four months near Dieppe writing *The Ballad of Reading Gaol*. Tired of waiting for his wife and children to see him, in late August he gave in to Douglas's pleas for a reunion in Rouen and then went to spend the winter with him in Naples. The warmed-up affair was full of bitterness and argument and they separated for good after three months. As a final blow Constance died in April the following year.

The production team was adamant that their ending should stand; and it has. The imbalance in the homosexuality I might have accepted, along with other tricks of the art, but this travesty of an ending I could not.

A two-year consultancy contract had been proposed with a fee of £5,000. It was made clear that I was simply required to be on the end of a phone if needed. In the end it was the clause which prevented me from talking to any third party without permission which made me turn it down. Silence in matters like this has no reasonable price.

To be fair the film does not slaughter Wilde, but nor does it do him any favours. There is no sign of the man who wrote: "I altered the minds of men and the colours of things: there was nothing I said or did that did not make people wonder. I awoke the imagination of my century so that it created myth and legend around me." Those for whom this is a first introduction to Wilde will ask themselves whether they have been duped into thinking he is something extraordinary when all they can feel is pity for a man broken in prison.

There are too many mistakes and omissions which weaken the story. One example will tell. When Oscar visits Constance's grave, the camera moves down the headstone revealing "Constance Mary Lloyd — Wife of Oscar Wilde". The second half of the inscription was only placed there in 1963. Without it, and with Stephen Fry (playing Wilde) reading from the letter that he wrote at the time — "It was very tragic seeing her name carved on a tomb — her surname, my name not mentioned of course" — the scene would have had an almost unbearable poignancy.

As we go into a new century the public must reassess Wilde's greatness or it may begin to suspect that what lies behind the mask is mere emptiness. Films like this will not help. One must also ask why the Arts Council invested £1.5 million of lottery money in a film which claimed in its application for a grant to be based on Ellmann's biography, a pedigree which is patently not the case.

For my own part I occasionally wonder whether I should not have served my grandfather better by taking the money and attempting to change things from the inside. But those who buy silence rather than speech are seldom inclined to listen.

● The Wilde Album *is published next Thursday by Fourth Estate (£12.99).* Wilde *opens next Friday*

CONCERTS: Dark and light shades of Schumann; plus a masterly recital

Songs of life

IF John Eliot Gardiner's *Schumann Revealed* series meant to reinstate the composer as a creator of large-scale orchestral and choral scores, then *Manfred* made a fitting opening to the final night. With its obsessional repeated rhythmic figures over a tautly constructed span, it physically wrestles with Byron's demons. Standing strings, as in the Leipzig of the 1840s, gave an incisive narrative. But for all their beauty, what would Schumann have thought of the performance of selected incidental pieces that followed, divorced from their dramatic context? And would Byron have balked at the choir's consoling Requiem chant for the soul of his turbulent Manfred?

Spiritual consolation became the theme for this valedictory evening. Schumann's neglected *Requiem for Mignon* emerged afresh in this touching performance as a masterpiece, free of the sentimentality inherent in its words. The Hanover Boys Choir was terrifically articulate, giving its pure but never large sound the definition of speech.

Baritone William Dazeley, who made an arresting appeal to the boys to "return to life" in *Mignon*, came into his own in Goethe's *Faust* as Dr Marianus. His slow delivery gave his triumphal vision a deeply personal quality. Ruth Ziesak, Nadja Michael, Toby Spence and Neil Davies brought a rich, unusual combination of voices to the performance. As the work lifts higher into its spiritual stratosphere, Gardiner maintained a sense of lively interplay aided by the responsive Monteverdi Singers and the Barbican's hard acoustics.

Could the neglect of Schumann's later works be due to the nature of their poetry? We identify more readily with his struggle with dark forces than with the songs of a redemption he never experienced.

HELEN WALLACE

Listen and learn

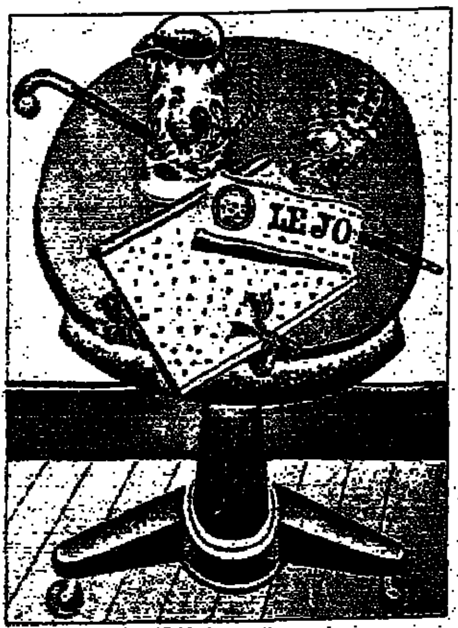
THE books were piled up outside for the signing, for this was a rare London visit by the great American pianist, writer and linguist Charles Rosen, whose *The Classical Style* and *The Romantic Generation* have done as much as anything published this century to influence how we think about music and perform it.

This was both the concert of the books and a joyful seventieth birthday celebration. Rosen strode on to the platform and, after a summary survey of his audience, began to play Mozart. Here, in three little pieces composed in the Baroque style, and in the A minor Rondo, K511, we heard a penetrating study of musical etymology and linguistics in which the logic and the purpose of every note, inflection and phrase became suddenly and wonderfully obvious.

But this was not the dry explanation of academe. This was music-making fired by the passion of learning. Beethoven's Sonata in A flat, Op 110, stood alone, assured and entire of itself, yet forged from the language we had just begun to assimilate and searching far beyond it in the recitative, arioso and final, transfiguring, fugue. Detail after detail caught the breath: the bright energy coiled into a trill, the harmonic pointers of notes an octave apart; the perfect timing with which the rough, stomping Scherzo held its breath and tuned its spirit into tentative song.

After the interval we heard the rapidly beating heart of that Romantic Generation in Schumann's *Davidsbündlertänze*. Simplicity, tough play and biting wit rang out of Rosen's masterly control of weight, measure and velocity. There were two simple encores: the Intermezzo from Schumann's *Faschingsschwank aus Wien* and a Chopin Mazurka which, Rosen said, Liszt thought would have been rather better as a Nocturne.

HILARY FINCH



TEN OBJECTS OF DESIRE

Richard Cork's daily guide to the Hayward Gallery's new still lifes

■ **JOAN MIRO:** *Table with Glove, 1921*

TIPPED up at a drastic angle for our inspection, Miró's table-top seems in danger of collapse. But somehow, the objects lying on its surface defy gravity and remain in place. A portfolio spattered with red and green dots proclaims the presence of an artist. So does the fragment of *Le Journal*, surely paying homage to the newspaper cuttings in so many Cubist collages. The other objects, though, reflect Miró's love of his family's farm at Montroig in Spain. The well-used glove bristles with latent energy, while the walking-stick traversing the table in a dramatic diagonal has a tough, purposeful air. As for the tankard, it sports an heraldic image of a cock in full plumage, well able to disrupt the sleepiness of country life with his triumphant crowing.

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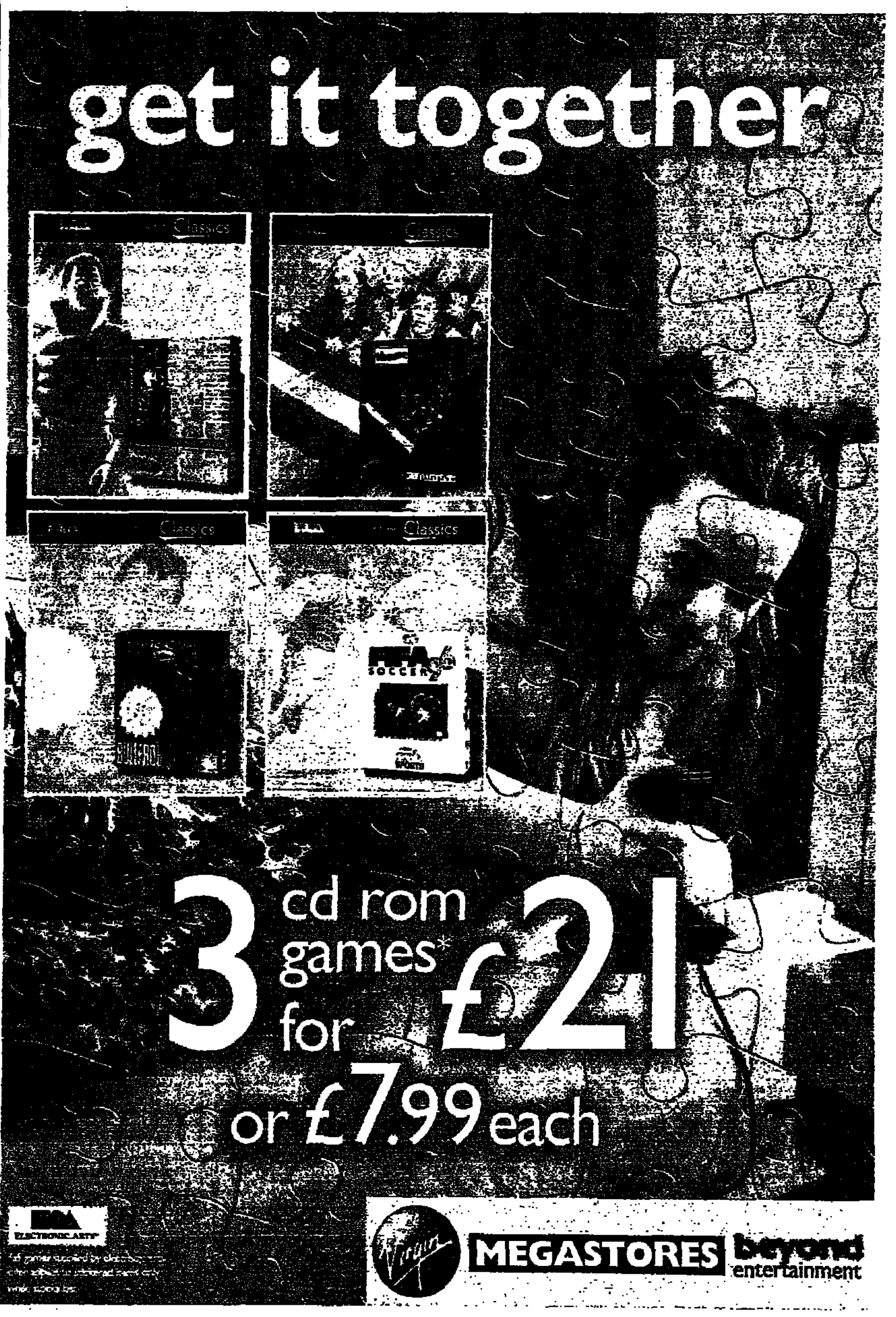
ON MONDAY: Paul Klee's *Colourful Meal, 1928*



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LONDON JAZZ CONCERTS

Way they used to make them

A night of several firsts. This was the first time that Laurie Johnson's **London Big Band** had played the Palladium. Nor do I recall ever hearing any jazz orchestra perform the themes to *The New Avengers* and *The Professionals*. Those offbeat excursions arose from Johnson's impressive CV as a composer of screen music. *This is Your Life*, *Whicker's World* and *World in Action* have all borne his imprint.

Not content with sitting on his royalties, he launched his big band this year, with the aim of supplying London with a reservoir of talent similar to that to be found in its symphony orchestras.

A laudable goal, but the band's repertoire needs to be dusted down if it is to do justice to its imposing title. Eyebrows would be raised if the LSO never ventured further afield than Elgar, but the LBB seems to exist in a dance band time-warp, circa 1947.

Johnson learnt his trade in the distant age of Ted Heath (the bandleader, not the Grocer) and this orchestra gives him the opportunity to return to that era. No one would expect him to sign up Courtney Pine, but it would have been good to have heard a pop tune a little more contemporary than *Got to Get You into My Life*.

Still, what the LBB does play, it plays extremely well, with all the precision you would expect from such experienced players, and a conductor as seasoned as Jack Parnell. Kenny Baker added lush trumpet to *Embraceable You*: Tommy Whittle took the honours on a mellifluous reading of *I'll Follow My Secret Heart*. One of the few representatives of the younger generation in the line-up. Ralph Salmins furnished ample propulsion from behind the drum-kit. Johnson has also unearthed a promising vocalist in 22-year-old Alexia, who was making only her second professional outing.

CLIVE DAVIS

Old bonds retied

ALTHOUGH the influence of South African exiles such as the pianist Chris McGregor and the Blue Notes on the 1960s British jazz scene is well documented, contact between the two countries' contemporary scenes is only just beginning to re-establish itself. Keith Tippett numbers himself among those whose early jazz sensibilities were shaped by South African players, so it is fitting that he should be at the heart of current efforts to revive the extraordinary spirit that characterised relations 30 years ago.

Zim Ngqawana led a 100-piece percussion ensemble at Nelson Mandela's presidential inauguration. But it was his sextet **Ingoma**, comprising three compatriots — pianist *Andile Yenana, bassist* Herbie Tsoaeli and drummer Kevin Gibson, plus American trombonist Barry Olsen and trumpeter Jim Dvorak — that performed the short set that opened Wednesday's concert at the *Queen Elizabeth Hall*.

Beginning with a luxuriantly slow, sweet flute melody, but swiftly incorporating many other musical elements into a deliciously heady, rousing brew, Ingoma demonstrated just how rich is the musical tradition upon which they are able to draw.

The freely improvising quartet **Mujician** — pianist Tippett, saxophonist Paul Dunmall, bassist Paul Rogers and drummer Tony Levin — brought the concert's first part to a close with their uniquely virtuosic brand of alternately meditative and rambunctious spontaneous composition.

The concert's second half saw all ten musicians on stage to celebrate their joint legacy. Rhythms ranged from rollicking to gently loping; woozy, almost Mingusian bluesiness *alternated* with rowdy free-for-alls. Anthemic, lush elegance was tellingly contrasted with bustlingly energetic romps, sonorous horn arrangements with scrabbling free improvisation.

CHRIS PARKER

Soon Caroline, Andrea, Sharon and Jim Corr will release their second album. And if you don't rush out and buy it, then they haven't been meeting and greeting hard enough

Soldiering in the name of the Corrs

Ireland's latest tip for the top are going on a global charm offensive. **Alan Jackson** willingly surrenders

If the Irish sisters-and-brother group the Corrs entertained any illusions about chart success just *happening*, they were disabused of them during a recent three-month spell supporting Celine Dion on tour in Europe and America. "It was quite amazing to watch her," admits Andrea, lead vocalist and occasional tin whistler. "She'd run around on stage for the best part of two hours, then change clothes very quickly and get back out to sign autographs and pose for photographs, really giving her everything to the endless meet'n'greet ritual. And she'd be completely lovely about it too. Nothing false at all."

Dion, the ultimate superpro, *is a good role model for* the Corrs at this stage in their career. For, although you would never accuse the four twentysomethings of having been complacent prior to working with her, there was certainly an unusually high degree of serendipity involved in their own launch as a recording act. Who could *blame them if they thought* things unfolded so smoothly for every aspirant star?

Raised in Dundalk, County Louth, by parents who had day jobs and played in bands each weekend, their musical *talents were encouraged from* an early age. A first break came in 1990 via a chance meeting with John Hughes, at the time acting as musical advisor to film director Alan Parker, in Dublin to cast and shoot *The Commitments*. A small role for Andrea resulted, *and has since* been followed by an appearance in Parker's *Evita*, in which she played the young mistress of Jonathan Pryce's Juan Peron.

Hughes also volunteered himself as their manager, and *thus began the process of* refining and shaping their appeal as a potential recording act. It was while performing at a Dublin club in 1994 that Andrea and her co-vocalists, sisters Caroline (drums, bodhran) and Sharon (violin) and brother Jim (keyboards and guitar) impressed the then American ambassador to Ireland, Jean Kennedy Smith. She invited them to appear at a World Cup celebration in Boston later that year and, while across the Atlantic, *Hughes and the group* shopped for a label deal.

Meetings in Los Angeles came to nothing, but in New York a senior executive with Atlantic Records, Jason Lom, was sufficiently impressed to want to sign them to the independent company, Lava, that he was setting up. David Foster, record producer to the glitterati (Dion, Streisand and Michael Jackson among them) and a friend of Lom's, was similarly taken. He too was launching his own label, 143. The result? The Corrs' debut album, 1995's *Forgiven, Not Forgotten*, was produced by Foster, released on Lava/143, and distributed by Atlantic. Oh, and it sold a cool two million copies.

That last fact will be unsurprising to anyone who has seen the Corrs play live. At heart they are that unfashionable but perennially marketable commodity, a melodic pop-rock band. Lush vocals sweeten the mix; the clever, restrained use of traditional Irish instrumentation subverts it. Major stars already in Australia, Japan and, of course, Ireland, they have all the elements necessary now to repeat that success in Britain and America, where sales of the LP were respectable but undramatic. A new single, *Only When I Sleep*, taken from *Forgiven*'s forthcoming successor, *Talk On Corners*, could well be the catalyst they need.

It has a harder edge than anything they have released to date. "Touring so much changed us, but in an organic way," says Sharon of this metamorphosis. "We learnt to express ourselves differently, while keeping the hallmarks of our sound — the big vocals, the traditional instrumentation — in place."

"We became more guitar-orientated, and hence hipper and more contemporary," Jim says. "Yes, we were afraid of being labelled middle-of-the-road, and I'm sure that the fact of our having taken this direction is going to be a big help."

Being signed to an American label brings with it potential access to a host of top-flight co-writers, and the Corrs have been quick to take advantage. *Talk On Corners* features collaborations with Glen Ballard, Alanis Morissette's composing partner, while *Only When I Sleep* was written with Oliver Leiber, son of the legendary Jerry (all those early Elvis hits, for a start). It comes complete with a video directed by Oasis favourite Nigel Dick that makes shameless capital of the quartet's good looks and willingness to mug for the camera. All in all, a very winning package: what could possibly go wrong?

But you don't tour with the mighty Celine and learn nothing. The Corrs are taking absolutely no chances, and when they have finished shaking every media hand in Britain they will set off to do the same throughout Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and then America. There will be more live dates too.

All in all, it means a lot of meets'n'greets, a lot of smiling, but "we're having fun", they insist, in between fretting that their London hotel's air-conditioning is about to induce collective flu and wondering why their room service lunch hasn't turned up.

● Only When I Sleep *is available on Lava/143.* Talk On Corners *will be released on Oct 20*

Rather worn under the cult

LIVE POP

FOR most of the 1980s, Liverpool's **Echo and the Bunnymen** were one of Britain's best-loved cult bands. Singer Ian McCulloch was a winning mix of art school attitude and football terrace bravado, and always boasted the coolest haircut in rock. But the quartet never achieved the success of their similar-sounding contemporaries U2, and eventually disintegrated a decade ago.

Older and wiser, the three surviving Bunnymen reformed this year with an acclaimed new album, *Evergreen*. Their pristine, guitar-driven sound is largely intact and their reception has been warm. Initial comeback shows three months ago were hailed as almost messianic second comings.

Even so, the Bunnymen seemed slightly overwhelmed by the cavernous dimensions of the Manchester Academy. McCulloch might present himself in interviews as the most prodigiously gifted rock star ever to grace the stage, but he appeared tired and nervous for much of the set. Indeed, he admitted to feeling exhausted halfway through, which perhaps explains why his vocals on new compositions such as *Forgiven* and *I'll Fly Tonight* sounded jarringly flat.

In fairness, McCulloch remains a naturally charismatic front man and his voice has clearly matured. This was evident on rapturously received greatest hits including *The Killing Moon* and *The Back of Love*, both of which were crooned in a rich, fruity baritone. These more spartan numbers also gave free rein to guitarist Will Sergeant, whose crystalline playing technique is still recognisable as a warmer and more melodic variant of the sparkling style made famous by U2's Edge.

But despite these highlights the set was uneven and lacklustre in parts. Archive tunes *Do It Clean* and *Lips Like Sugar*, once taut and nimble, were delivered with a bombastic clumsiness ill-suited to the band's poised elegance. More than ever, this show proved the Bunnymen to be an enduring cult outfit with ideas above their station.

STEPHEN DALTON

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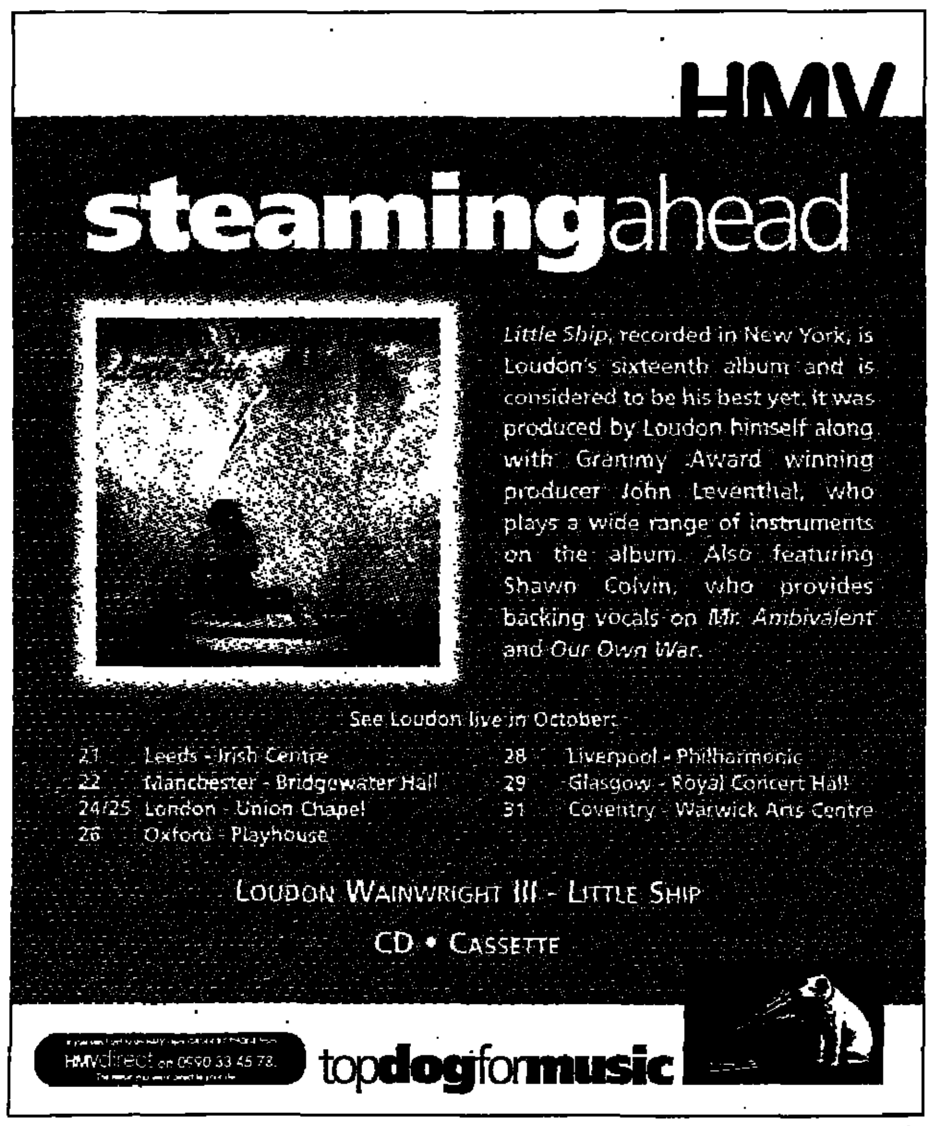

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Little Ship, recorded in New York, is Loudon's sixteenth album and is considered to be his best yet. It was produced by Loudon himself along with Grammy Award winning producer John Leventhal, who plays a wide range of instruments on the album. Also featuring Shawn Colvin, who provides backing vocals on *Mr. Ambivalent* and *Our Own War*.

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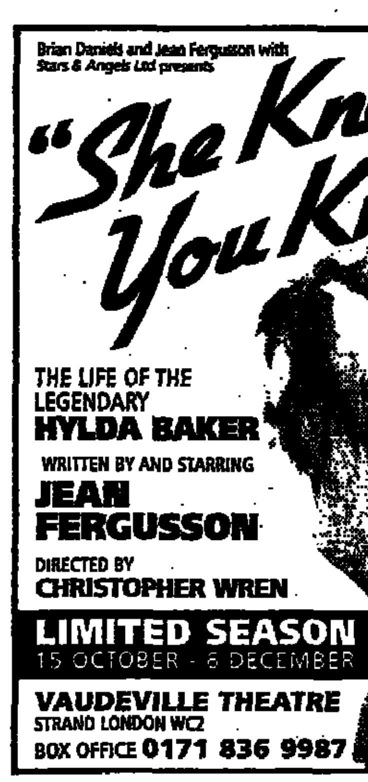

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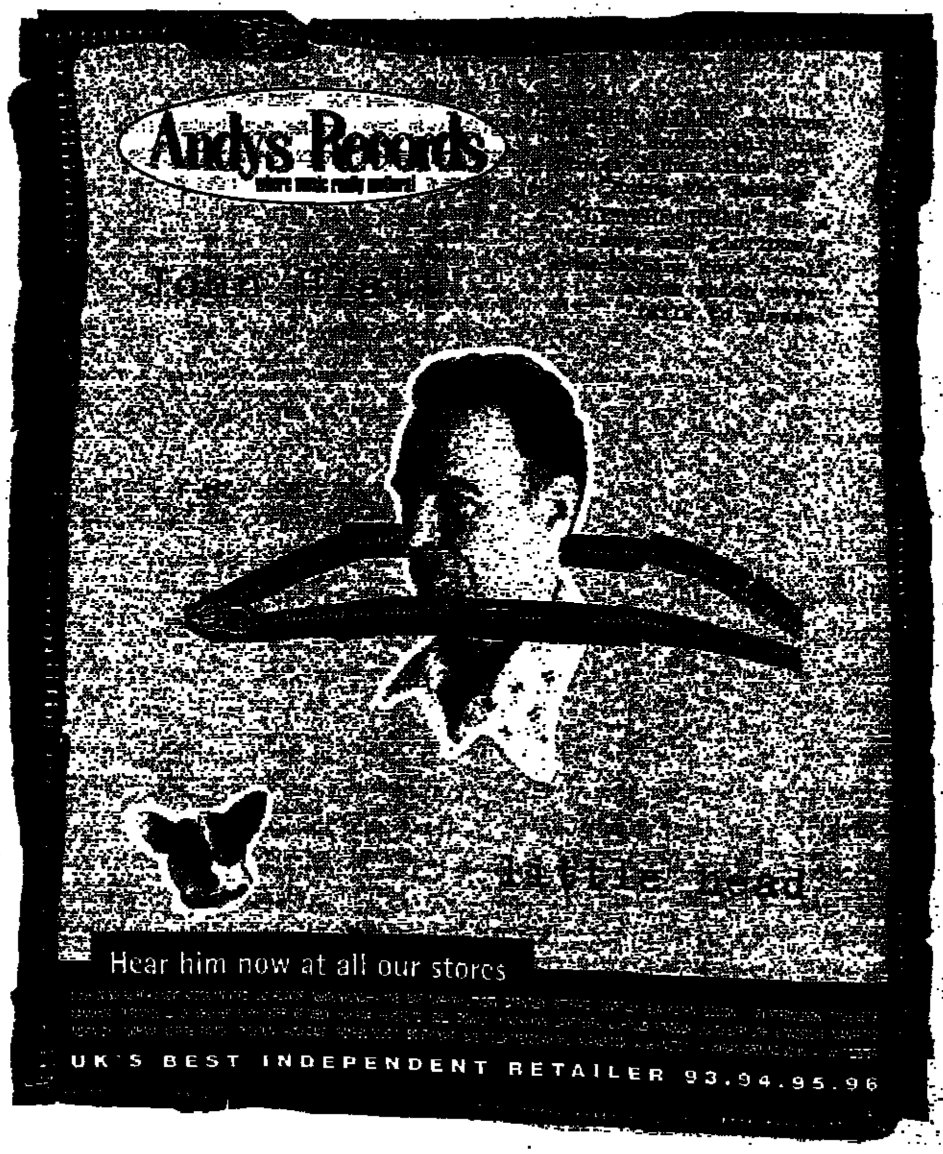

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NEW ALBUMS: **David Sinclair** defends M People's right to produce ace pop and not be sneered at

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M PEOPLE
Fresco
(BMG 74321 52490 £14.49)
ALL sorts of people seem to have it in for M People. The indie-rock crowd has never forgiven them for snatching the 1994 Mercury Music Prize from under the noses of Pulp, Blur and Prodigy. Soul purists invariably balk at Heather Small's voice. And snobs from all areas routinely deride the group's music as being emblematic of the Sierra-driving, Harvesters restaurant crowd, a burden M People seem to have inherited from Level 42.

Ignore these ungenerous critiques. Suspend any lingering prejudices you may harbour about "disco" music. And let the simple, unaffected charm of *Fresco* enter your heart.

While her deep, stylised delivery does tend to sound as if she has a small animal caught in the back of her throat, Small nevertheless has a wonderfully distinctive voice and a sure touch for conveying the essence of lyrics in which there is no place for irony, ambiguity or world-weary cynicism.

While slower, more soulful songs tend to predominate, the best tracks — *Fantasy Island* and *Angel St* — combine a feel-good disco beat with winning choruses harnessed to resolutely aspirational lyrics: "The children are playing in air you can breathe/People got dreams, people achieve."

Only once do they strike a false note, with a version of the old Bryan Ferry song, *Avalon*, set to a polite drum and bass track which sounds rather contrived. Otherwise, like the Spice Girls, M People provide highly enjoyable, top-quality pop which thrives on its utter lack of artifice and pretension.

Suspend any lingering antipathy you may harbour towards "disco" music, and let the simple, unaffected charm of M People's *Fresco* enter your heart

SLEEPER
Pleased to Meet You
(Indolent/BMG
SLEEPCD016 £13.99)
ALTHOUGH on to their third album, Sleeper still sound rather undecided as to what their proper role in this pop game should be. Now almost entirely a vehicle for the words, tunes and thoughts of singer Louise Wener, they seem torn between retaining their slightly leftfield indie-band cachet and promoting Wener to full-on pop personality status.

The result is too many songs like the single *She's a Good Girl*, whose awkward yet banal tune and incomprehensible lyric — "She's a good girl/An alien make-up on a green skin/Holding her breath in/Maybe she's melting" — resulted in a predictably disappointing chart performance. *Rollercoaster*, *Please Please Please*, *Superclean*, (which sounds like an old Elastica song) and *Romeo Me* (the next single) all suffer from a similarly lightweight, yet needlessly cluttered approach.

Better by far are the songs where Wener adopts a more straightforward approach, particularly *Miss You*, which sounds a bit like Nico singing with the Velvet Underground, and *Breathe*, in which Wener's voice drifts along in sympathy with the tune instead of snatching at it. With Sleeper's novelty value fading fast, Wener would do well to explore this avenue more thoroughly in future.

ERIC BIBB
Me to You
(Code Blue 3984 20444 £15.49)
BORN in America, but resident for many years in Sweden, Eric Bibb has been lumped in with the new breed of acoustic country blues artists who have cast themselves in the image of roots-meister Taj Mahal. The connection is reinforced on *Me to You*, Bibb's third album, thanks to a guest vocal by Mahal himself on *Sing your Song*, a typically warm, relaxed tune, written by Bibb, with a gospel-like chorus that sounds as if you have known it all your life.

Although rooted in the blues, this album is a wide-ranging affair which incorporates touches of soul — as on the Robert Cray-esque *Between A Woman and a Man* — and several ballads, such as *You're the One* and *Something Much Greater*, which could almost pass for mainstream black American pop.

Only once does Bibb tackle a full-blooded blues, a sublime, whip-taut shuffle called *I Need A Vacation*: "I'm gonna take a long vacation, I'm all tuckered out/I got a cabin in the country, don't nobody know about." It is the best track on the album and, while admiring Bibb's determination to steer clear of the blues ghetto, one hopes he has not drifted too far from the core of his art.

VARIOUS ARTISTS
A Life Less Ordinary — Original Soundtrack
(A&M 5408274 £13.99)
MORE than merely the soundtrack of the forthcoming Danny Boyle movie, the album *A Life Less Ordinary* is an extraordinarily vivid snapshot of the rich yet dislocated musical landscape that is 1990s alternative pop.

Boasting new songs from Beck (a provocative samba-type number, *Dead Weight*), Ash (the title track, which is also their new single), R.E.M. (an eerie, bad dream piece called *Leave*), Faithless, Underworld, Sneaker Pimps and others, it also includes a smattering of easy listening standards such as Elvis Presley's *Always on My Mind* and Bobby Darin's *Beyond The Sea*, alongside an old Prodigy track (*Full Throttle*), and some more modish bits and pieces. It is like tuning into XFM radio while travelling in a time capsule.

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	(1)	**Urban Hymns**	Verve (Hut)
2	(5)	**The Big Picture**	Elton John (Rocket)
3	(2)	**Be Here Now**	Oasis (Creation)
4	(3)	**Portishead**	Portishead (Go! Beat)
5	(4)	**Marchin' Already**	Ocean Colour Scene (MCA)
6	(11)	**Bridges to Babylon**	Rolling Stones (Virgin)
7	(7)	**White on Blonde**	Texas (Mercury)
8	(6)	**Maverick a Strike**	Finley Quaye (Epic)
9	(9)	**OK Computer**	Radiohead (Parlophone)
10	(17)	**Time out of Mind**	Bob Dylan (Columbia)

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JAZZ ALBUMS

Team player is man of the match

GEOFF KEEZER
Turn up the Quiet
(Columbia 488830 2)
THE American pianist Geoff Keezer is only in his mid-twenties, but already has a stint in jazz's most celebrated finishing school, Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers, behind him, in addition to a string of well-received albums as a leader.

This one features him in three basic settings: solo, jamming with like-minded contemporaries (saxophonist Joshua Redman and bassist Christian McBride), and fronting multi-textured arrangements of both his own pieces and odd ones by the likes of Japanese composer Ryuichi Sakamoto.

Singer Diana Krall brings smoky intimacy to her various contributions, and both percussionist Cyro Baptista and programmer Jason Miles are intelligently used, but it is Keezer who shines, whether he's playing his trademark quirky, splashily percussive piano on familiar material such as *Stompin' at the Savoy*, exploring the emotional depths of Billy Strayhorn's precocious classic *Lush Life*, or combining elegantly with Redman's tart, sinuous soprano.

TONY REMY
Metamorfollow-g
(Alltone/New Note
ALTR 001)
GUITARIST Tony Remy has spent the 1990s slowly consolidating the support he attracted in the 1980s through his exciting work with the likes of flautist Phillip Bent and Desperately Seeking Fusion.

This self-produced album is similar in concept, personnel and overall sound to his debut GRP recording *Boof!*, balancing slinky soul and rap vocal tracks with both heavy and light funk instrumentals and the odd acoustic piece.

The results only hint at Remy's visceral live impact, but his soloing is at once vibrant and tasteful, and his use of the vocoder brings welcome textural variety to an album which, while it might have benefited from a less rigidly funk-based approach, will undoubtedly delight his many fans.

CHRIS PARKER

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Objects of Desire

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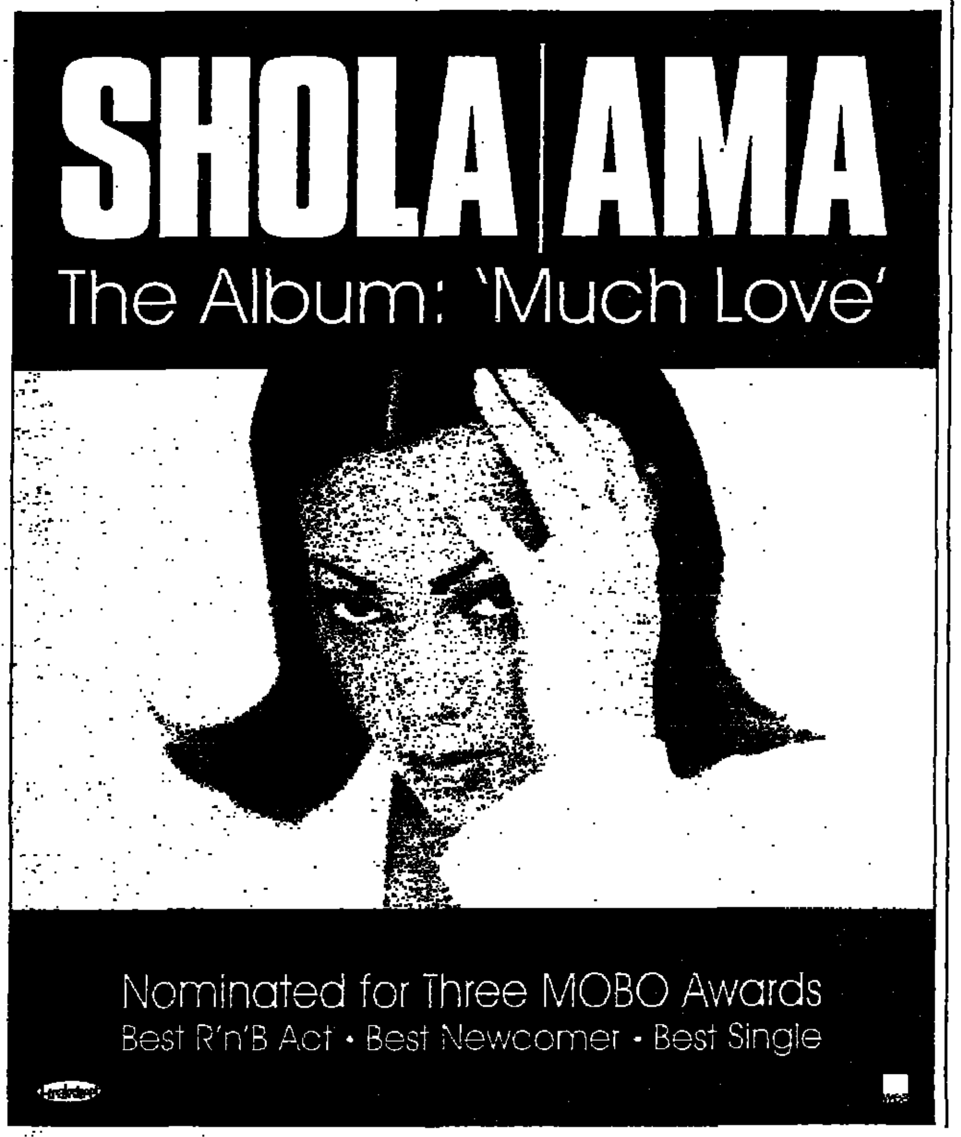
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DEE CONWAY

Miyako Yoshida, enticing, ethereal and a gift to music and choreography as Giselle, with her partner William Trevitt

Giselle
Labatt's Apollo

There are dancers who shout at you to notice them, either through the brilliance of their technique or the sheer force of their stage personality. And there are dancers who snub the pyrotechnics and the self-publicity and let the dancing speak for itself. Miyako Yoshida is one of these.

Peter Wright was in the audience on Wednesday night to see Yoshida take the role of Giselle in his Royal Ballet production. He must have been delighted by what he saw, for Yoshida is a gift to music and to choreography. She is the perfect Giselle. In Act I she is a demure, self-effacing creature, unconscious of the sensuality of her uninhibited dancing. She rides the music in the most glorious way, letting it decide how the dance will unfold in her body. Her musical sensitivity is so heightened that even in moments of pure mime you can feel the will of the orchestra surging through her gestures.

The mad scene, so often a protracted bout of theatrical clichés, here came alive. Yoshida lost all her equilibrium, both mental and physical, right down to her feet — she was barely able to stand up. In Act II she became the definitive spirit: elusive, enticing, ethereal. She phrased her movement with the same light touch as before but now instead of a happy heart it described a forgiving soul.

William Trevitt is the perfect partner for Yoshida. His Albrecht is free of the self-serving edge that some interpretations provide and he is wholehearted in his affection for Giselle. His dancing is finding a greater stylistic nuance these days, and his Act II partnering was exemplary. Zenaida Yanowsky had a rougher ride as Myrtha, Queen of the Wilis. Myrtha should be one angry female, the leader of a pack of vengeful, man-hating women. But Yanowsky's dancing lacked the fire of revenge, and her landings were particularly well-announced, even allowing for the innate noisiness of the stage. Gary Avis, though, made a convincing Hilarion.

Wright's well-judged production sits happily on the Hammersmith stage. Anthony Twiner, conducting the Royal Opera House Orchestra, picked up both the bounce and the dramatic ballast of the Adam score most effectively. With sights and sounds like these, it was a shame to see so many empty seats.

DEBRA CRAINE

THEATRE: Revival of a thoroughly satisfying musical; plus an absorbing one-man power play

Highest spirits

Edmund Kean
Palace, Watford

ITS title prefixed by "The Meteoric Rise And Dramatic Demise Of", this musical was first shown at the King's Head, Islington, where it won the sort of praise that does not often come the way of a British musical. For one thing it is witty, for another it tells a clear story, for yet another the music and lyrics never (well, hardly ever) subside into the expected and ordinary. And there are further good things that tot up to a remarkable achievement.

The greatest actor of the Regency period, whose revolutionary naturalism makes him possibly the most important actor of our history, was born a bastard and given an apt name for a man who would excel in Shakespeare. His passionate performances gave audiences a thrill like no others before him. Women fainted at his voice, and so forth, and just as swiftly as he rose to become a cultural and popular icon, so did the British public, in one of its periodical fits of morality, haul him down.

Charismatic figures present formidable challenges to an actor but David Burt has the stamina, the looks and, most essentially, the voice and presence to whirl the role from rage to pathos, truculence to charm. These lightning changes charged Kean's power, and only when he is tongue-tied, during the divorce case that ruined him, do we see the man as frighteningly empty. He sustains the long last note of *Child of the Sun* to a point where one fears for his lungs.

Book and lyrics are by Sylvia Freedman and the music by Michael Jeffrey. The narrative lyrics attractively tend to break into patter songs, because this is a show that enjoys the fun of rhyming. "Who is that siren/Assaulting Lord Byron?" comes to mind. I tired of the repeated variations of "the sun's bright child" — from Byron's tribute — but there is an intensely satisfying ballad, *In a Moonlight Garden*, sung against an Italian *canzone* in the background. Most surprising of all, Shylock's famous declaration of his humanity is also set to music, and to a large extent works in this transformation.

Phillip George's direction can be pleasantly jokey — the Prince Regent never makes an appearance without gorging on a lobster, and the mutual seduction with Mrs Cox (Audrey Palmer) neatly fits action to high trills. The necessary shifts between "acting" before the invisible upstage audience and turning to us are smoothly managed, and momentum is generally sustained, though it slows towards the end of the first half. But what is so cheering about this musical is its combination of high spirits from company and production team, and material to be genuinely high-spirited about. Hoorah.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Double trouble

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WHAT did Elsa Maxwell, the hostess with the mostest, have in common with J. Edgar Hoover, the beast with the leastest? Well, they were both determined to become legends in their lifetimes, and did so. They both were experts at surveillance. They both ran blacklists and could make or break anybody. They both dined at expensive restaurants without having to pay. They both nursed passionate feelings for people of the same sex. And they are both currently and sometimes concurrently being played by Bob Kingdom, whom you may have seen in the past as Dylan Thomas and Truman Capote.

The doubling in his present one-man play is easier because the Grand *Inquisitor of Washington* was a secret transvestite. That means that at one point both characters can leap up from what is now a desk in Darkest DC, now an *ad hoc* radio studio in the Waldorf Astoria to trade insults, without Kingdom having to change his black-and-white frock or rearrange his mop of hair. All the actor has to do is raise or drop his voice an octave, add a bit of feline purr or surly baleful boom, and lo, you know which is which.

If the two had similarities, they also had such fundamental differences that you might regard Hoover as Maxwell's shadow. In the course of Robert Gillespie's production, she says she prefers to have girls rather than flowers at a party "because they are cheaper and more decorative". He opts for azaleas, "because they are less expensive and prettier than girls". She was a generous monster who could not really be accused of being a name-dropper, because so many of the names had been created by her in the first place. He was a paranoid, a hypocrite and a destroyer.

At any rate, so Kingdom and Neil Bartlett's script assures us, adding in the programme that "all the stories in this performance are true"; and I am inclined to believe them. Maxwell did refuse King Farouk's invitations, telling him she had no time for "clowns, monkeys or corrupt gangsters". Hoover was mad enough to believe one should mistrust "moist palms and tall men in red ties". And if he did not say "you are a communist if I say so, you are a faggot if I say so, you are a nobody if I say so", that was the message he conveyed to a quaking America.

What are we to conclude from *Kingdom's unpretentiously absorbing* 75 minutes? Something about ways of compensating for inadequacy, and the uses and misuses of power. But I prefer to remember Elsa's story about Kreisler, who was asked by a pushy host to bring his fiddle to a party. "In that case I shall charge $5,000," he said. "In that case do not mix with the guests," came the reply. "In that case," said Kreisler, "my fee will be $1,000."

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts *and entertainment* compiled by Marit Hargie

LONDON

BERNADETJE: A Flemish co-production with Artangel, performed by 11 teenagers on a dodgem track, some from Camden, some from Ghent. Translation by Rebecca Prichard.
Round House, Chalk Farm, NW1 (0171-960 4242) Three perfs only tonight and tomorrow, 8pm; Sun, 5pm.

COMING UP Nicole Duffett plays the teacher championing a boy after a theft in a shopping mall. Comedy by James Martin Charlton, author of the excellent *Fat Souls*. Directed by Ted Craig
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VISIONS OF ALBION: The Vaughan Williams celebrations continue with a concert performance of *Sir John in Love*, the composer's 1929 opera based on Shakespeare's *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. Richard Hickox conducts the Northern Sinfonia joined by the Joyful Company of Singers. With soloists Rebecca Evans, Susan Gritton and Pamela Helen Stephen
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Sun, 3.30pm. Ⓢ

WIZARDS FROM OZ: A magical evening is in store for Wigmore audiences as the top-class Australian Chamber Orchestra gives a concert designed to cast spells. Music by Corelli, *Handel and Haydn is featured*. Pieter Wispelwey is the cello soloist
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141). Tomorrow, 7.30pm Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Celebrated pianist **Aldo Ciccolini** makes a welcome return with a recital featuring a beautiful and *unusual selection of music. A carefully* chosen programme includes Fauré's rarely heard own original solo piano version of the Ballade, Op 19, followed by César Franck's Prélude, Choral et Fugue, and Mussorgsky's mighty *Pictures at an Exhibition*
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (0121-212 3333) Tomorrow, 8pm. Ⓢ

BRISTOL: Pete Postlethwaite with Patricia Kerrigan in what is heralded as a murky and blood-filled production by George Costigan of **Macbeth.** Later tours to Liverpool, Bradford, Guildford *and Nottingham*.
Old Vic, King Street (0117 987 7877). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Wed, 7.30pm; Thur-Sat, 8pm; mats Thur and Sat, 2.30pm. Until Nov 1.

Richard Hickox conducts at the Barbican, London

EDINBURGH: Iain Crichton Smith's *shrewdly comic argument for staying* between the sheets, **Lazybed,** developed from his book of stories *The Thoughts of Murdo*, directed by Philip Howard.
Traverse, Cambridge Street (0131-228 1404) Tonight only, 8pm. Then touring Highlands and Islands before returning to the Traverse in Nov. Ⓢ

GLYNDEBOURNE: Mozart's opera of comic capers in the harem, **Die Entführung aus dem Serail,** continues Glyndebourne Touring Opera's 1997 season. Richard Farnes returns to conduct this revival, directed by Aidan Lang. With Carlo Allemano as Belmonte and Ghillian Sullivan as Constanze
Glyndebourne Opera House, Nr Lewes, East Sussex (01273-813 813). Tonight, 7pm.

LEEDS: The **Hallé Orchestra** under Kent Nagano is joined by the distinguished Taiwanese violinist Leland Chen — one of only two pupils to have been taught personally by Yehudi Menuhin. On the programme are Brahms's Violin Concerto and Symphony No 8 by Shostakovich.
Town Hall (0113 2476962). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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☐ **BLUE HEART** Caryl Churchill plays tricks with reality in this double bill for Out Of Joint — in *Heart's Desire*, where *a family is waiting for a woman to return* from Australia, and in *Blue Kettle* as a con man tries to persuade elderly women he is their long lost son. Imaginative, often funny, and spreading a sense of unease
Royal Court, (Duke of York's Theatre), St Martin's Lane, W1 (0171-836 5122) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm. Ⓢ

☐ **DANTON'S DEATH:** First in a Georg Büchner trilogy, showing the last days of the popular hero of the French Revolution. David Farr directs one of the best first plays ever written, vastly influential.
Gate Theatre, Prince Albert Pub, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until October 17

■ **AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE:** Ian McKellen plays the spa doctor pitting himself against the community in Trevor Nunn's highly detailed production. Admirable cast. Only the third London production this century for Ibsen's explosive play.
National Theatre (Olivier), South *Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Tonight,* 7.15pm; tomorrow, 2pm and 7.15pm. In rep Ⓢ

☐ **HURLYBURLY:** West End transfer for the first hit from Peter Hall's Old Vic company. David Rabe's savagely funny play about Californian men behaving very badly indeed. Wilson Milam directs an excellent cast led by Rupert Graves, Jenny Seagrove, Andy Serkis and David Tennant.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5105). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm.

☐ **HRH:** Corin Redgrave and Amanda Donohue play the Duke and Duchess of Windsor in another stage version of their doings, this time exiled to the Bahamas, and no music. Directed by Simon Callow
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (0171-839 4401). Mon-Thur, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. Ⓢ

☐ **LIFE SUPPORT:** Alan Bates subtly moving in Simon Gray's play about remorse for marital treachery
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm

☐ **MACKEREL SKY:** First play by Dublin-based Hilary Fannin tells of two days in the life of a faded chanteuse (Ruth Hegarty) and her mother-in-law (Gillian Raine), fending off eviction.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, London W12 (0181-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

☐ **MADDIE:** Disappointing musical, despite Summer Rognlie's powerful performance, about fairly demonic possession by a would-be silent Hollywood star.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thur and Sat 3pm.

☐ **THE MYSTERIOUS MR LOVE:** New play by Karoline Leach, set in 1912 in a hotel at Weston-super-Mare, *directed by Bob Tomson. Paul Nicholas* plays a confidence trickster and Susan Penhaligon a lovelorn spinster.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

☐ **SKYLIGHT:** Bill Nighy and Stella Gonet in David Hare's witty and cogent play showing two contemporary social moralities at odds. Directed by Richard Eyre.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Ends Sat.

☐ **THE WASP FACTORY:** Successful stage version of the sinister cult novel by Iain Banks, adapted and directed by Malcolm Sutherland. First seen at West Yorkshire Playhouse. Terrific sets.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Mon-Fri, 8.30pm; Sat, 7pm and 9.30pm. Until October 18. Ⓢ

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (0171-369 1733) . . . ☐ ***Buddy:*** *Strand (0171-930 8800)* . . . ◪ **Grease:** Cambridge (0171-494 5080) . . . ☐ **Martin Guerre:** Prince Edward (0171-447 5400) . . . ■ **Les Misérables:** Palace (0171-434 0909) . . . ■ **Miss Saigon:** Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) . . . ☐ **Smokey Joe's Cafe:** Prince of Wales (0171-839 5987) . . . ☐ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054) . . . ◪ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

FATHER'S DAY (12): Robin Williams and Billy Crystal discover they might be the father of a teenage boy. Tepid comedy. Director, Ivan Reitman
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◆ ***THE GAME*** *(18): Sleek* businessman Michael Douglas gets a shake-up. Outlandish thriller from *Seven* director David Fincher. With Sean Penn and Deborah Kara Unger
ABC Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Camden Town** (0181-315 4255) **High Street Kensington** *(0181-315 4214)* ***Marble Arch*** *(0181-315 4216)* **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

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HOUSE OF AMERICA (15)
Teenagers in Wales yearn for the *American Dream. Muddled blend of* realism and fantasy from Edward Thomas's play. With Steven Mackintosh and Lisa Palfrey. Directed by Marc Evans
ABCs: Piccadilly (0171-437 3561) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148)

◆ **NIL BY MOUTH** (18): Family crises in a South London housing estate. A raw slice of life from debuting director Gary Oldman. Powerful performances by Ray Winstone and Kathy Burke.
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PUSHER (18): Gritty Danish thriller about a drug pusher's downfall, from first-time director Nicolas Winding Refn.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **ICA** Ⓢ (0171-930 3647)

TEMPTRESS MOON (15): Gigolo is *obsessed with the daughter of a* decaying household. Lusciously visualised period melodrama by Chen Kaige, director of *Farewell My Concubine*. With Leslie Cheung and Gong Li.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

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◆ **CONTACT** (PG): Jodie Foster itches to make contact with outer space. Enjoyable, mostly intelligent sci-fi, directed by Robert Zemeckis
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JACKIE CHAN'S FIRST STRIKE (12): *Police officer pursues stolen nuclear* warhead. Stunts and comedy galore from the Hong Kong superstar. Director, Stanley Tong
Virgin Trocadero Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

THE SWEET HEREAFTER (15): Lawyer stirs up grieving community. Powerful version of Russell Banks's *novel from the iconoclastic Atom* Egoyan. With Ian Holm.
ABC Swiss Centre (0171-439 4470) **Curzon Mayfair** (0171-369 1720) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Screen/Hill** Ⓢ (0171-435 3366)

VOLCANO (12): Lava and clichés swamp Los Angeles. A disaster movie that should be more fun that it is. With *Tommy Lee Jones and Anne Heche.* Director, Mick Jackson.
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Law Report October 10 1997

Court of Appeal

Adult prison policy unlawful

Regina v Accrington Youth Court and Others, Ex parte Flood

Before Mr Justice Sedley and Mr Justice Astill

[Judgment August 22]

The Home Secretary acted unlawfully in 1988 in issuing instructions that allowed young offenders to be held routinely in adult prisons for allocation purposes following sentence. The secretary of state had no power to detain young offenders in adult prisons as a matter of general practice. The instructions violated the principle of section 1C(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 1982, as amended, and were in excess of the secretary of state's powers under section 1C(2).

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held quashing a warrant of committal to Risley Prison in respect of the applicant, Claire Louise Flood, and prohibiting the issue of a warrant drafted by Accrington Justices, but refusing a writ of habeas corpus and indicating the terms in which a fresh committal warrant could be issued.

Section 1C of the 1982 Act, as amended by the Criminal Justice Act 1988, provides:

"(1) Subject to section 22(2)(b) of the Prison Act 1952 (removal to hospital, etc), an offender sentenced to detention in a young offender institution or to custody for life shall be detained in a young offender institution unless a direction under this section is in force in relation to him.

"(2) The secretary of state may from time to time direct that an offender sentenced to detention in a young offender institution or to custody for life shall be detained in a prison or remand centre instead of a young offender institution, but if he is under 18 at the time of the direction, only for a temporary purpose."

Mr Ian Wise for the applicant; Mr Robin Tam for the governor of Risley Prison and the Home Secretary; the justices did not appear and were not represented.

MR JUSTICE SEDLEY said the applicant was 16 and had been sentenced by the Accrington Youth Court to eight months detention for a number of offences. She had been taken from the court to Risley Prison on the day of sentence.

The original committal warrant had been bad on its face but a fresh warrant had been issued backdated to July 29 in the following terms:

"You the constables of the Lancashire police force are hereby required to convey the accused to Risley remand centre and there deliver the accused to the governor thereof, together with this warrant; and you, the governor, to receive into your custody and keep the accused for the said period."

As Mr Tam had accepted, the fresh warrant was bad because of its direction to the Risley governor to keep the young offender in his custody for the full eight months of her sentence. But Mr Wise had submitted that remand to Risley, even temporarily, was unlawful because it was dictated by an unlawful policy of the Home Secretary.

In the background was a serious concern about conditions in adult prisons such as Risley and their effect on young offenders placed there. There was no allocation centre for females in the prison system which was designated as a young offender institution. There was no female young offender institution as such in the country.

There were five women's prisons parts of which had been designated young offender institutions, and it was to those that girls aged from 15 to 17 were or should be allocated. There had been a sharp rise since 1992 in the number of female young offenders in custody.

The Home Secretary had by letter of December 12, 1988 delegated to governors of female establishments, the power to decide in specified circumstances that a young offender should be held in prison rather than in a young offender institution. One of the criteria provided that "sentenced young offenders may be held in a remand centre for allocation purposes".

Since there was nowhere else in the prison system where allocation of young offenders could take place, there was absolutely no choice in the matter so that no discretion whatever was being delegated to the secretary of state's officers. Was that lawful?

In their Lordship's judgment, the terms of section 1C made it plain that it was not. The secretary of state's power, and therefore that of his designated officers, to depart from the provisions for allocation to a young offender institution was limited to permission "from time to time [to] direct that an offender . . . shall be detained in a prison or remand centre . . . for a temporary purpose" if under 18.

That phraseology made it plain that Parliament was authorising the secretary of state on occasion to place a particular offender under the age of 18 temporarily in a prison or remand centre.

It did not authorise him to make it a general practice to do so. It did not authorise him to give such a direction in relation to offenders generally, and it did not authorise him to keep them in a prison or a remand centre for however long it took, possibly the whole length of the sentence, to make a lawful placement in a young offender institution.

The practice not only permitted but enjoined by the secretary of state was a violation of the principle contained in section 1C(1) of the 1982 Act, as amended, and an excess of the powers contained in subsection (2) of that enactment.

Their Lordships recognised the problems that conclusion created for the prison service. But it had to be recognised that the very change which the amendment of the 1982 Act brought about was spelt out in the 1988 letter, which then went on to lay down a regime which meant that there would in practice be no change.

MR JUSTICE ASTILL, agreeing, said the policy of the secretary of state was to send all female young offenders sentenced to detention in a young offender institution first to prison.

There could not properly be said to be a discrete decision made about each young female offender. That was a blanket policy. It was contrary to section 1C(2) of the 1982 Act and it was accordingly unlawful.

The court's decision would give effect to the purpose of the legislation which was to protect often vulnerable young offenders from the possibility of malign influences.

Solicitors: Clyde Chappell Botham, Tunstall; Treasury Solicitor.

Entitlement to primary finding of misrepresentation

Moore v Inntrepreneur Estates (GL) Ltd and Another

A person accused in the course of civil litigation of misrepresentation was entitled to a primary finding by the judge as to whether he had made the misrepresentation, whether he was fraudulent and why.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Swinton Thomas) so stated on July 31 when dismissing an appeal by Mr Martin J. Moore from Mr Recorder Nicol at Central London County Court when he made findings of misrepresentation against Inntrepreneur Estates (GL) Ltd on issues of liability but dismissed Mr Moore's claim on the ground that he should not in the circumstances have relied on the misrepresentation.

LORD JUSTICE HENRY said that when a person had been accused of misrepresentation, he or she was entitled to a primary finding as to whether he or she made that representation and whether he or she was fraudulent, and why. It was quite unsatisfactory to determine that question simply on whether the recipient of the representation was credible or not.

It was not satisfactory to reach any conclusion without transparently addressing all the evidence and giving reasons for all major findings of fact. That did not happen in the instant case and the recorder's finding that the representation was made to the plaintiff had to be reversed.

Judge must still give warning

Regina v McQuiston

Where after evidence was heard a judge exercised his discretion that a video recording of a complainant's evidence should not be replayed and he read substantially from the transcript of that recording instead, he should still warn the jury not to give the complainant's evidence disproportionate weight simply because it was repeated well after other evidence and to bear in mind the other evidence in the case.

In particular, it was still incumbent upon the judge to remind the jury of the complainant's cross-examination and re-examination from his notes, and where appropriate, any relevant part of the defendant's own evidence.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Otton, Mr Justice Blofeld and Judge Beaumont, QC) so held in a reserved judgment on July 9 when giving reasons for allowing the appeal against conviction of two counts of indecent assault on a male, of James Wallace McQuiston. He was jailed for nine months.

LORD JUSTICE OTTON applied *R v Rawlings* ([1995] 2 Cr App R 222). In the instant case, however, after the jury had retired, it raised questions which the judge decided could be dealt with not by replaying the video recording of the complainant's evidence, as was the case in *Rawlings*, but by reading extensively from the transcript of that recording.

Authority bound by appeal

Regina v Warwickshire County Council, Ex parte Powergen plc

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown, Lord Justice Otton and Lord Justice Mummery

[Judgment July 31]

Where a developer had been refused planning permission for the development of a supermarket because the highway authority, on being consulted by the local planning authority, had considered that the proposed highway works for suitable access to the site would be detrimental to highway safety, and the developer, on appeal to the Secretary of State for the Environment, was granted planning permission on condition that specified highway works were carried out, the highway authority had no option but to co-operate in implementing the planning permission by entering into an agreement with the developer pursuant to section 278 of the Highways Act 1980.

The Court of Appeal so stated dismissing an appeal by the highway authority, Warwickshire County Council, from the decision of Mr Justice Forbes dated November 21, 1996 whereby he allowed an application by Powergen plc for judicial review of the highway authority's refusal to enter into a section 278 agreement.

In 1994 Powergen applied to Warwick District Council for outline planning permission to develop their site. The proposed development was for a supermarket, parking for 500 cars, petrol filling station and suitable means of access to the site. The proposed access and highway works were fully detailed and illustrated with drawings which accompanied the application.

The district council, as required, consulted the county council, as local highway authority, about the proposed highway works. The district council refused the application for a number of reasons, one of which was that the proposed highway works would be detrimental to highway safety.

Powergen's appeal to the secretary of state was successful and they was granted planning permission subject to a number of conditions. To satisfy condition 8 Powergen needed the highway authority to carry out specified highway works which, for practical purposes, also required Powergen to enter into a section 278 agreement with the highway authority. The latter refused on the ground that the proposed access arrangements were still unsafe.

Section 278 of the 1980 Act provides:

"(1) A highway authority may, if they are satisfied that it will be of benefit to the public, enter into an agreement with any person — (a) for the execution by the authority of any works which the authority are or may be authorised to execute . . . on terms that the person pays the whole or such part of the cost of the works . . . in accordance with the agreement."

Mr Michael Supperstone, QC, for the highway authority; Mr William Hicks, QC and Mr Russell Harris for Powergen.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that he had reached the clear conclusion that the judge had come to the right conclusion: that following a successful appeal by the developer the relevant highway authority had no option but to co-operate in implementing the planning permission by entering into a section 278 agreement.

His Lordship saw the appeal as raising a simple question: was it reasonable for a highway authority, whose road safety objections had been fully heard and rejected on appeal, then, quite inconsistently with the planning inspector's independent judgment on the issue, nevertheless to maintain its own original view?

To his Lordship's mind there could be but one answer to that question: a categoric "No". That answer was arrived at, less by reference to any general question regarding the proper relationship between planning authorities and highway authorities on road safety issues, than in the light of the following basic considerations:

1 The site access and associated highway works, together with the road safety problems they raised were (a) central, indeed critical, to the planning application, and (b) considered in full detail rather then left to be dealt with as reserved matters.

2 The planning permission had been granted following an appeal to the secretary of state and not merely by the local planning authority itself.

3 There were no new facts or changed circumstances whatsoever following the inspector's determination of the appeal.

For those reasons, his Lordship would reject Mr Supperstone's central argument that, even following the grant of planning permission on appeal, the highway authority retained an independent discretion to refuse to enter into the requisite section 278 agreement by which he must mean that they remained reasonably entitled to adhere to and act on their original view that the public would not benefit from the development because of the highway dangers it would create.

His Lordship believed, on the contrary, that the inspector's conclusion on that issue, because of its independence and the process by which it was arrived at, necessarily became the only properly tenable view on the issue of road safety and thus was determinative of the public benefit.

His Lordship had not overlooked section 57 of the 1990 Act: the basic provision requiring that the development had planning permission.

Accepting, as his Lordship did, that the highway authority's approval or consent was still required before condition 8 could be satisfied, his Lordship's judgment was that such approval or consent could not properly be withheld.

Lord Justice Otton and Lord Justice Mummery agreed.

Solicitors: Mr David G. Carter, Warwick; Wragge & Co., Birmingham.

Psychologist's duty of care to child

Phelps v Hillingdon London Borough Council

Before Mr Justice Garland

[Judgment September 23]

An educational psychologist owed a duty of care, not only to the local authority employing her, but also to the child being assessed, through her parents, on the basis that they would act upon her findings, recommendations and advice.

Accordingly, where the psychologist's failure to diagnose dyslexia amounted to a failure to exercise the degree and skill expected of an ordinarily competent member of the profession, the local authority was vicariously liable for that negligence.

Mr Justice Garland so held in the Queen's Bench Division when allowing a claim for damages by the plaintiff, Pamela Helen Phelps, against the defendants, Hillingdon London Borough Council for their alleged negligence at common law in failing to identify her as having a special learning difficulty or dyslexia and failing to take appropriate remedial steps.

Miss Cherie Booth, QC and Mr John Greenbourne for the plaintiff; Mr Edward Faulks, QC and Mr Andrew Warnock for the council.

MR JUSTICE GARLAND said that the plaintiff, who had a long history of poor performance at various schools, was referred aged 12 in 1985 by the school she was then attending to Miss Diana Melling, an educational psychologist employed by the defendants.

Miss Melling reported that, although the plaintiff's verbal skills were below average, she had no specific weaknesses, that she did not need to be in a special school and that there was an emotional basis to her difficulties.

Over the next three years the plaintiff made little or no progress despite remedial teaching provided by the school and she left unable to write down a telephone number correctly or record a simple message. At no time was there any diagnosis of a specific learning difficulty despite the fact that dyslexia was already a well recognised condition.

Further assessments between 1990 and 1996 found her to be severely dyslexic and it was accepted that, from the nature of her disability, she would have been dyslexic at the age of 12.

His Lordship said that *X (Minors) v Bedfordshire County Council* ([1995] 2 AC 633) had established that local authorities could be vicariously liable for breaches of the common law duty of care owed by educational psychologists and teachers to a child, through its parents, to whom they gave advice; likewise, a school could owe a common law duty of care to an under-performing pupil. *Bolam v Friern Hospital Management Committee* ([1957] 1 WLR 582) defined the standard of care as that of the ordinary skill of a competent psychologist.

Here, confronted with both the great discrepancy between the chronological and predicted reading ages and the unusual difficulty in writing, the educational psychologist made more than an error of judgment in ascribing those to the emotional difficulties noted earlier; she failed to exercise the degree of care and skill to be expected of an ordinarily competent member of her profession.

Given the failure to diagnose the plaintiff's dyslexia, the school was not at fault in the form of the remedial teaching it provided for the plaintiff, judged by the standards of the time. However, the local authority, as the employer, was vicariously liable for the negligent advice given by the educational psychologist.

On the facts, it was clear that the adverse consequences of the plaintiff's dyslexia could have been mitigated by early diagnosis and appropriate treatment. She had responded and was likely to continue to respond to the appropriate support she was now receiving and, as the damage was not too remote, was entitled to recover damages.

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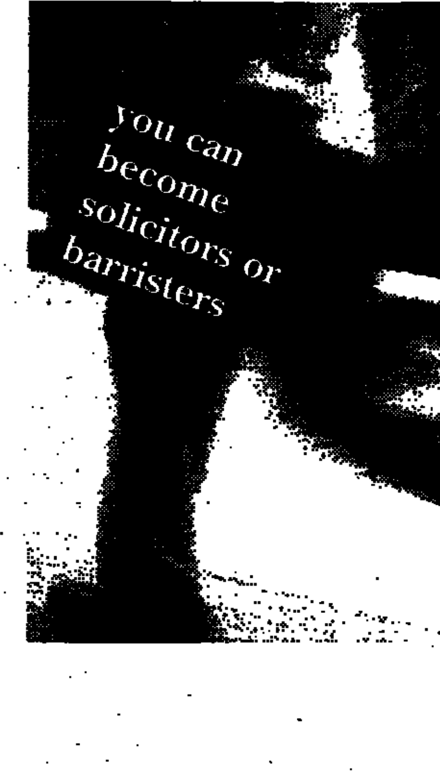

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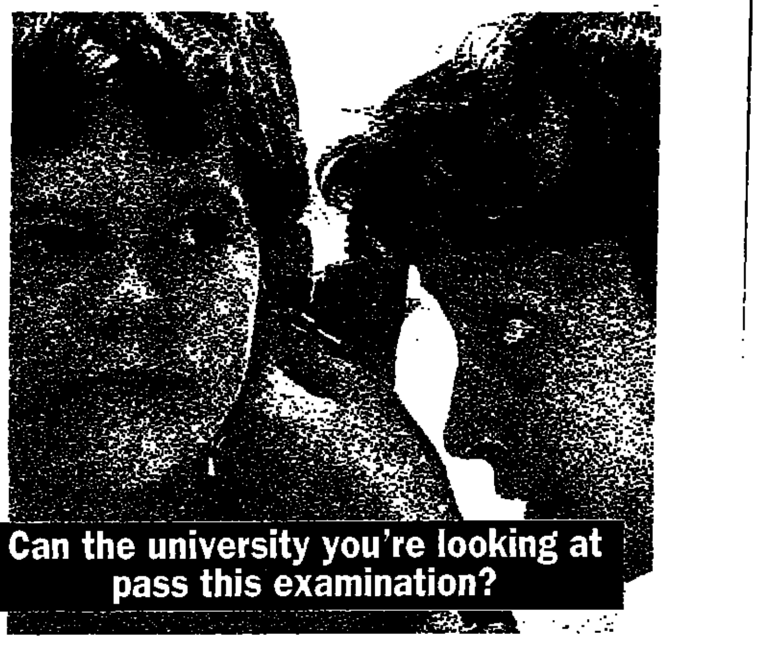

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Schoolchildren in York Minster as part of a scheme to tell them about the diocese. Religious education is rooted in local communities

The carrier of new hopes

Religious education is a Utopian whisper that can help to make Britain a moral leader, says **John M. Hull**

For too long, religious education in this country has hidden its light under a bushel. Critics who claim that the RE syllabus is a confusing mish-mash of conflicting beliefs have been allowed to colour parents' and politicians' views of what is really going on in the classroom.

The creation of a truly non-sectarian publicly funded religious education for all children is one of British education's greatest achievements. There can be no greater *demonstration of the need for* us to promote this subject as a vehicle for greater toleration and understanding than Lord Tebbit's declaration this week that "multiculturalism is a divisive force".

In this, the first week-long National RE Festival, more than a half of the country's schools have run events to explain and celebrate with parents this most multicultural of subjects, a subject that has four significant features in this country.

First, RE is non-sectarian, non-denominational. Even in Germany, where it flourishes, it remains primarily confessional or denominational in its management, and Roman Catholics and Protestants have not managed to agree on an integrated curriculum. In contrast, Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland have been able to agree on a new, integrated RE curriculum.

In England and Wales the law requires that the teaching and practices of the principal religions, including Christianity, be taught. The non-sectarian character of the enterprise means that though Christianity and other religions are to be taught, no attempt is to be made to proselytise the cause of one religion over another.

Secondly, RE in England and Wales is rooted in the local community. The agreed syllabus conferences and the local standing advisory councils on religious education, which every local education authority must, by law, have, constitute a unique forum for the discussion and collaboration about the curriculum by parents acting through elected councillors, the teachers and the religious bodies.

Thirdly, RE is taught by the regular teachers to the normal classes. What influence does the Church have on the selection, training and appointment of RE teachers? None; RE is a completely secularised aspect of the teaching profession in this country.

While parents continue to have the right to withdraw their children, it is not the British practice to divide children into religious groups. If Muslims were taught Islam by Muslim teachers, Christians taught Christianity by Christians, and so on, it would not be long before taxpayers asked why this sectarian RE should be at the public expense. The only defence for a publicly funded RE as part of the required curriculum is the fact that RE is for all. The Christian faith, like Islam, has educational gifts for all children.

Finally, the achievement of RE is that it is both critical and spiritual. In these respects, it represents part of the heritage of education of the European Enlightenment. It is critical that RE seeks to dispel ignorance and superstition and to expose religious belief to the light of rational discussion. It is spiritual in the sense that it is not content with merely factual description but seeks to make a lively and intelligible contribution to the moral and spiritual development of every child. Every subject has a contribution to moral and spiritual development, but there can be little doubt that RE is best equipped to be the flagship of this process.

For the future, we look to a time when every primary school will have a properly qualified RE co-ordinator on the staff and to when every secondary school will have theologically qualified staff, because about half of students are taught by teachers with no special training in religious study. We look for a future in which schools will be more sensitive to the needs of the 450,000 Muslim students and to RE to make a significant contribution against the Islamophobia that is such a notable feature of attitudes in the West today.

We look for a future in which Tony Blair's Government and David Blunkett's ministry recognise that RE has the overwhelming support of parents, and is ready to be the principal education ally of the intentions of the Government to re-establish Britain as a moral force in the world today.

RE is the Utopian whisper in the ear of the nation. It is Utopian because in RE, we see writ small the hope of a future in which the religions of the world will abandon their tragic history of competition.

Very significant in this respect is the Statement of Values for schools produced by the National Forum for Values in Education and the Community, which was published in May.

If we examine the tempting letters sent out by banks urging us to take out yet more gold-plated credit cards and assuring us that an abundance of money will guide us throughout our lives, we are struck by the failure of these letters to include any reference to the moral and spiritual values listed in the national statement. Why should they? Because it is contradictory to invite schools to undertake the transmission of values which *are ignored by the major institutions* which shape the lives of adults and children.

RE remains a Utopian whisper because some liberal and educated members of the opinion-forming aristocracy have not yet recognised that it has emerged out of its instructional past to become the carrier of new hopes.

● *The writer is Professor of Religious Education at the University of Birmingham.*

Poor teachers need help, not the sack

Pupils may be the best judges of good teaching, says **Anne Lee**

EVEN THE most successful schools have failing teachers. It is not that difficult to identify them. But before we whistle too many of them down the fast track to dismissal, we would do well to remember the laws of supply and demand. It may take only four weeks to dismiss a teacher who is grossly incompetent, but it takes at least 23 years to "grow" a good one.

While it is accepted that there are as many as 2,000 teachers whose lack of competence will justify dismissal, that is less than 0.5 per cent of the whole. There are many more who are performing poorly because they cannot cope. The Association of Teachers and Lecturers has reported that the number of calls to its confidential helpline is increasing.

How can we identify and help these poor teachers? In a senior school, it could start with a perusal of the public examination results. Poor teachers tend to cluster in departments; they do not often survive solo in a successful one.

Raw results can be as misleading as some league tables, so it is important to look for patterns. It is not only the absolute results which are a giveaway — pupils also vote with their feet. You might expect low numbers taking Latin or Greek, but popular subjects such as economics or geography should be attracting respectably sized groups.

Quality assurance, a concept widely used in business, is about gathering information from a variety of sources. In the secondary sector, for example, exam results compared with earli*er test results can measure* expected-versus-achieved outcome.

A more contentious source of information is being used in further and higher education: student assessments of teachers are gaining in popularity. If students are consulted correctly, they can make helpful observations on whether their teacher is good at clarifying difficult areas of the subject, dealing effectively with questions and showing enthusiasm for the subject. The time is right to see whether such methods could be useful in secondary schools.

Such questionnaires should have three facets: they need to ask the student to assess their own commitment to the subject; have some assessable objective questions; and have room for open-ended comments about strengths and areas for improvement. An improvement programme could include coaching, opportunities for role-modelling, updating techniques and materials, and mentoring.

> 'It is not only results — pupils also tend to vote with their feet'

Where a whole department has gone to sleep, help for the head of department must come from outside the school. There are subject specialists available.

On-the-job coaching requires intense concentration, skill and empathy. Effective *observation should* be a motivating and enabling experience. There must always be recognition of good performance, and criticism must be followed by a problem-solving discussion.

The teacher who has been warned for poor performance will feel dreadful and this leads to what could be the most controversial, but the most essential, element in a retraining package.

A mentor who can utilise a mixture of analysis, cognitive behaviourial therapy and counselling can quickly provide astounding results. Local authorities used to employ mentors to help with the induction of newly qualified staff. With funding cuts this role disappeared, but in our increasingly competitive age collaboration is at risk, staff management time is short and we need to put more personal support into the system.

They may work to rekindle motivation by recalling golden times from the past, suggest renegotiating a "contract" with a class, or give practical tips on how to reclaim the classroom as the teacher's territory. It may be necessary to spend time examining traumatic events.

Though mentoring may go on for months, it is possible within three consultations to see positive results. Teachers can step back into the classroom optimistic that they can recreate the joyful experiences they once had. Mentoring therapy is not a miracle cure — but sometimes it can seem like it.

A mentor can also be the private sounding board to help to identify whether a teacher's career has come to an end and to help the subject to find something new in life.

NONE OF this is a cheap cure, but it is cheaper than training teachers who leave the profession after two or three years, or coping with the results of pupils educated to the lowest level of their ability.

Where do we find these *teacher-mentors?* The TTA has plenty of ideas for "expert" grades, subject leaders and other "super-teachers". They are also currently recruiting them for students studying for the new Heads' Qualification. Training some teachers to become independent mentors could save many professional lives.

● *The writer is a former head teacher.*

Hugh Thompson on an unrevealing section of the Ucas form

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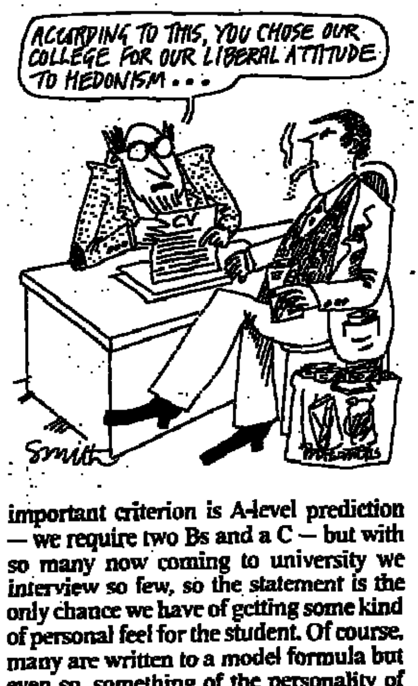
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More than 400,000 sixth-formers are grappling with their university application (Ucas) forms this term. No part of this vital document is agonised over more than the personal statement of why you want to take a particular degree course. But with students, their tutors and their parents all contributing to this statement, the results are usually conventional.

Typically they read: "I want to do your course because of my growing vocation/-*interest/realisation of its importance.* My A-level studies confirm this interest as does my work experience. At school I am in the football/netball/debating/Scouting club. My outside interests also show that I am a well rounded person, bound to get on with both other students and the course." Each candidate writes around 500 words and this predictable glacier of words goes before the admissions tutors.

Yet surely with so many applicants and so much riding on A-level results, many of these statements can be barely scanned. After all, no one is going to say: "I want to go to university because I hear it's a bloody good three-year party and I can't stand the thought of work." No one is going to say: "I haven't a clue what I want to do with my life but I thought I would do your course because it sounded fun, and anyway I heard the sex ratio was in my favour." But these unwritten reasons are very much why sixth-formers choose universities and their courses.

Proof of this pudding was the psychology admissions tutor who phoned up an applicant who, on his personal statement of why he wanted *to do the course,* wrote just one word "Because". The tutor said: "I must see you for an interview. It was the first original statement I had seen all week." Surely the response of someone going blind with the boredom of reading or at least looking at hundreds of bland, Identikit statements.

Every year Rob Young, of Leicester University's archaeology department, goes through 500 Ucas forms. From these he makes 150 place offers, one sixth of which he hopes will come. "The most important criterion is A-level prediction — we require two Bs and a C — but with so many now coming to university we interview so few, so the statement is the only chance we have of getting some kind of personal feel for the student. Of course, many are written to a model formula but even so, something of the personality of the student does creep through."

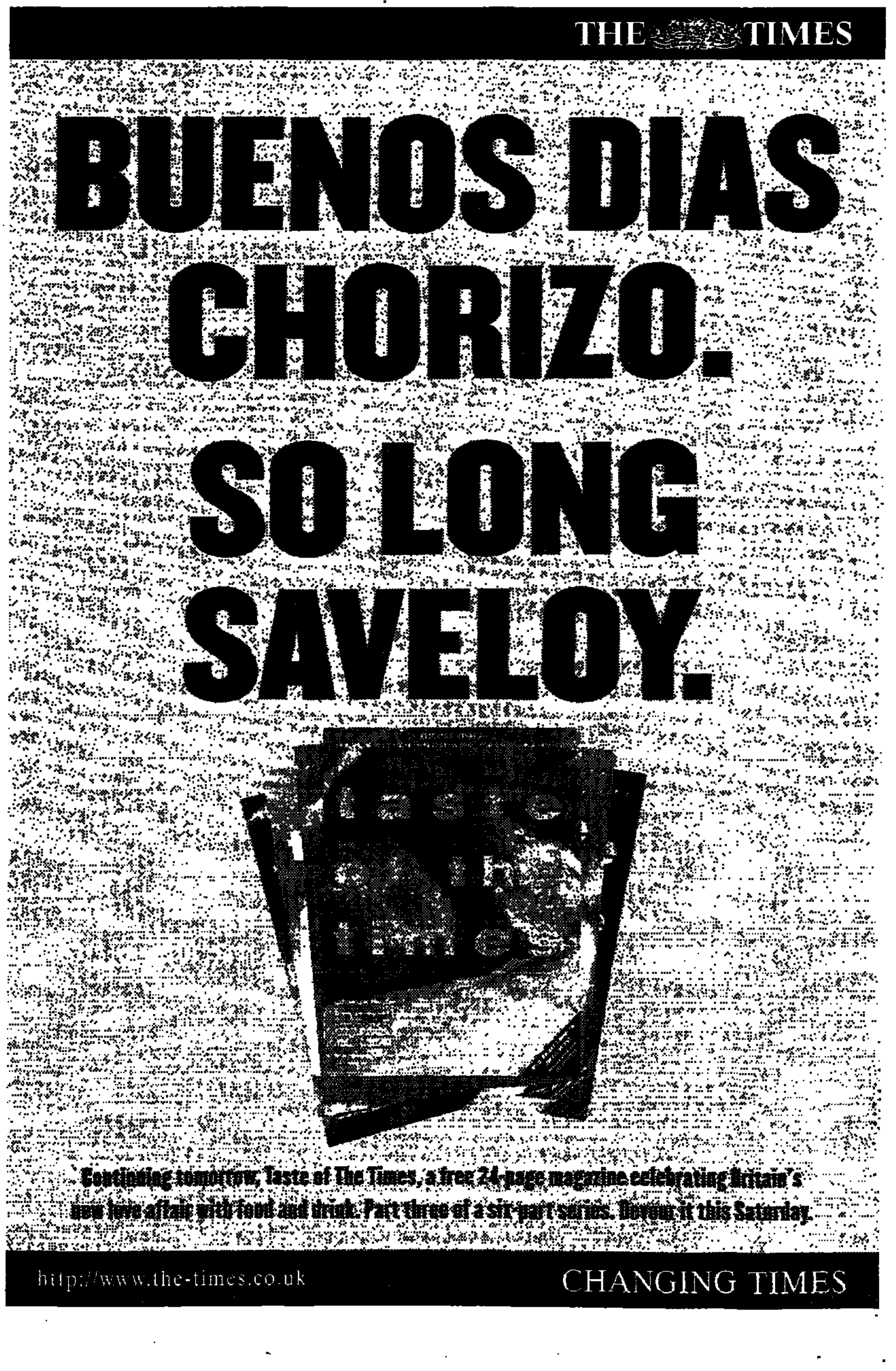
Dr Young says: "Some are very badly written and some are well schooled. Of course, some are more interesting than others. Many students have travelled extensively, most read science fiction and so on. They may not be perfect but they are useful and at the end of the process there are a few places we offer because of the statement in spite of the exam prediction. The worst part of the application we read is often that written by the school or college, which often shows a complete ignorance of the student."

Down the road at the university's engineering department, the admissions tutor Ian Jarvis says: "I always read them but they are only really important in borderline cases, or when we are offering a scholarship. A-level predictions are the most important criteria, I have never rejected a student because of a bad personal statement."

But in a very competitive subject like medicine, where "straight A" students can fail to get a place, the personal statement which shows something more than the textbook approach — hands-on work experience with the sick, imaginative and relevant use of a vacation — can easily swing the balance.

Alan Lumb, of Leeds University medical school, says: "We have heard a rumour that because of the importance of the personal statements for medical schools, there is an agency which will write them for £200. We are increasingly sceptical of who is actually writing these statements; certain schools have such a stylised homogenous formula that we tend to discount their pupils' statements. If we are suspicious and smell a rat, then we always have them for interview. With so many good students applying for so few places, these statements are vital as we increasingly view non-academic criteria as being important." Last year only one third of those applying for a medical school got a place and most had the required A levels.

One longstanding history lecturer said: "If you are going to interview the student, the statement is a vital platform, but when it comes to offering places the headmasters' remarks are far more useful. We have all become increasingly suspicious of these statements because we know that schools are tutoring their pupils in what to say. Increasingly, places are, and will be, decided on A-level results."



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GOLF

Woosnam wisely leaves his clubs to do the talking

By John Hopkins, Golf Correspondent

AFTER the belligerent way in which Ian Woosnam had talked about being left out of matches in the Ryder Cup, it was beholden upon him to put up or shut up in the first round of the Toyota World Match Play Championship at Wentworth yesterday. He did the former.

In an echo of his first-round performance in 1987, Woosnam went round in an approximate 68 in the morning against Jesper Parnevik, his Ryder Cup team-mate, to edge into a one-hole lead and then widened it to win on the 15th in the afternoon.

Woosnam was impressive — just as he had been in his first-round match ten years ago, when he was six under par in defeating Sam Randolph 4 and 3. This was a Woosnam that has not been seen much lately. His jaw jutted determinedly and he was obviously interested. His swing had much of that lazy rhythm that is noticeable when he is at its best and, with a funny-looking, green-shafted driver in his hand, he gave the ball a fearful clubbing from the tee. In the main, he hit it straight, too.

In profile, the driver, which he was using for the first time in competition, looks like a Ping putter. It is centre-shafted, designed that way in order to place the end of the shaft as near to the centre of gravity of the club as is legally possible. The aim, Woosnam explained, is to help amateurs hit the ball with draw, though few amateurs, if any, could swing with a shaft as stiff as Woosnam's, which is as stiff as can be.

There was a dubious privilege at stake for the winner of this match and that was the chance to play Ernie Els, the defending champion, who is unbeaten after nine matches in this event. Nonetheless, Woosnam was pleased to have won, pleased to have played so well on a windy day and pleased to have rediscovered his driving.

He was helped by some poor golf by Parnevik in the middle of the afternoon round. Between the 23rd and 29th holes, Parnevik often looked ill-at-ease. He fidgeted more than usual, took time over the ball. On the 23rd, he hit a simple chip from the edge of the green ten feet past the hole. On the 24th, he half-fluffed a chip, his swing looking like an uncertain amateur's, too long and too loose, as if half-expecting that he would either thin the ball over the green or stub it. He stubbed it.

On the 26th, his drive started out far to the right before curling back into the semi-rough, then his second flew well left of the green. His brave and skilful chip hit the hole, but it did not matter when Woosnam, who had been in the middle of the fairway from the tee and had hit an authoritative second shot to ten feet, coaxed in the curling putt.

Brad Faxon did a little to erase the memories of a poor Ryder Cup when he defeated Darren Clarke 2 and 1 for the right to face Colin Montgomerie this morning. Faxon lost the 1st hole, squared the match on the 10th and was never again behind. "This won't get the Ryder Cup back to the United States," he said, "but it's nice to win any match here. These guys are good."

It may be heretical, politically incorrect or just plain rude to raise the following question, but is it essential for there to be a Japanese competitor in this event? Does the sponsorship depend on it? Would the future of this historic event be endangered if one were not?

The question is asked because of the lack of success of men from that country in this competition in recent years. The last Japanese competitor to win a match in this event was Naomichi Ozaki, known as Joe, who beat Ben Crenshaw in the first round in 1986. Tsukasa Watanabe maintained the tradition when losing 4 and 3 to Vijay Singh, who now plays Steve Elkington.

Frank Nobilo survived an afternoon fightback by Phil Mickelson before winning at the second extra hole to earn the right to face Nick Price today.

DETAILS

FIRST-ROUND RESULTS

I Woosnam (GB) bt J Parnevik (Swe) 4 and 3
F Nobilo (NZ) bt P Mickelson (US) at 38th
B Faxon (US) bt D Clarke (GB) 2 and 1
V Singh (Fiji) bt T Watanabe (Japan) 4 and 3

TODAY'S QUARTER-FINAL DRAW
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0845 and 1300: E Els (SA) (1) v Woosnam.
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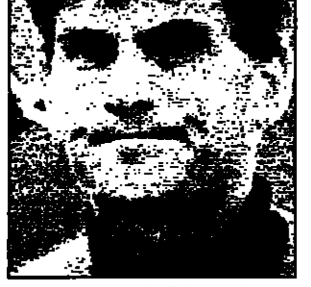

Parnevik: faltered

LYNNE SLADKY

Woosnam, looking more his old self, follows his chip from a bunker on the 15th in the morning round

CYCLING: INJURED BRITON ECLIPSED BY JALABERT AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boardman content to take bronze

From Jeremy Whittle
in San Sebastian

CHRIS BOARDMAN overcame a cracked rib to claim the time-trial bronze medal at the world championships here yesterday as Laurent Jalabert confounded all expectations to take the title with only the second victory in the discipline in his long professional career.

"A bronze medal is really only a consolation prize," Boardman, who sustained the injury two weeks ago while making his young son's bunk bed, said, "but, under the circumstances, I'm pleased to have completed a professional job. I'm surprised at the result, though — I'm surprised that Jalabert won."

Although fourth at the final checkpoint, at the top of the circuit's only significant climb, the Briton clawed back enough time on the descent towards the San Sebastian seafront to move Tony Rominger, the Swiss veteran, out of the bronze-medal position.

"I took it carefully on the way up the climb because of the headwind and because I knew that there was still a lot of work to be done once over the top," Boardman said. "Time-trials aren't over until you cross the finishing line."

While the wheels literally came off Alex Zülle's challenge only 500 metres from the start ramp, as technical problems forced the defending champion to stop and seek mechanical assistance, Jalabert, Boardman and Sergei Gontchar, of Ukraine, set the early pace on the undulating route. However, Gontchar, who led at each of the three checkpoints, faded in the final ten kilometres and, as Jalabert increased his effort, his chances of the gold medal slipped away.

"I'm very surprised to have won," Jalabart, 28, from the Tarn region of southwest France, said. The world's top-ranked rider, his expected challenges for victory in the Tour de France and Tour of Spain this year had ended in disappointment. "I felt very relaxed today because there was nothing to lose," he said. "I wasn't one of the favourites so the most I was hoping for was the bronze medal.

"I knew that it was a tricky route and that it was important to keep something in reserve for the finish. Now I hope that I can recover well and ride strongly in Sunday's road race."

David Millar, newly-turned professional and Boardman's compatriot, finished in a respectable twentieth place. "It was tough with the wind," Millar, 20, said, "but it was good experience and I held back a little so that I can work hard for the team's chances on Sunday."

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IN BRIEF

Clash of dates threatens meeting

THE 1998 European athletics championships in Budapest may have to be put back because of a clash of dates with the Hungarian Formula One motor racing grand prix (David Powell writes).

Although the European championships were fixed in the calendar long ago, the International Motor Sport Federation announced on Wednesday that the grand prix would be staged in the city on August 16, the day before the athletics are due to start.

Record broken

Swimming: Michael Klim broke the world 100 metres butterfly record at the Australian national championships in Brisbane yesterday. Klim, 20, recorded a time of 52.15sec to better the previous record, set by Denis Pankratov, of Russia, by 0.12sec.

No change

Motor racing: Jackie Stewart yesterday announced an unchanged line-up for his Ford-powered Formula One team next season. Rubens Barrichello, of Brazil will again be partnered by Jan Magnussen, of Denmark, in 1998.

Petchey beaten

Tennis: Mark Petchey, of Great Britain, was defeated 6-3, 6-2 in his second-round match by Henrik Holm, of Sweden, in the Challenger tournament in Arizona, but Sam Smith, the British No 1, beat Jessica Steck, of South Africa, 5-7, 6-2, 6-1 in the women's event.

Court out

Cricket: Inzamam-ul-Haq, the Pakistan batsman, has been ordered to return to a court in Toronto on charges that he assaulted a spectator during a match in the Sahara Cup last month.

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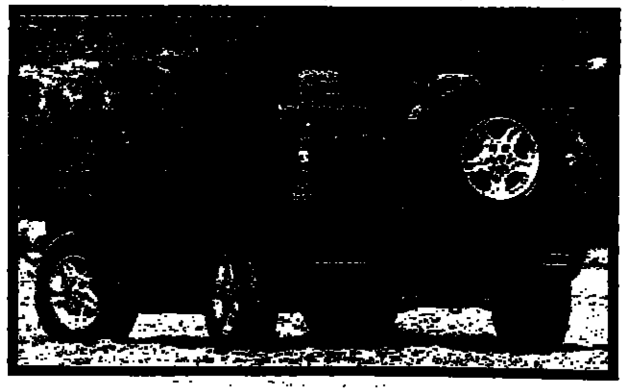

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RACING: HORSES ESCAPE INJURY IN CUMANI STABLE FIRE

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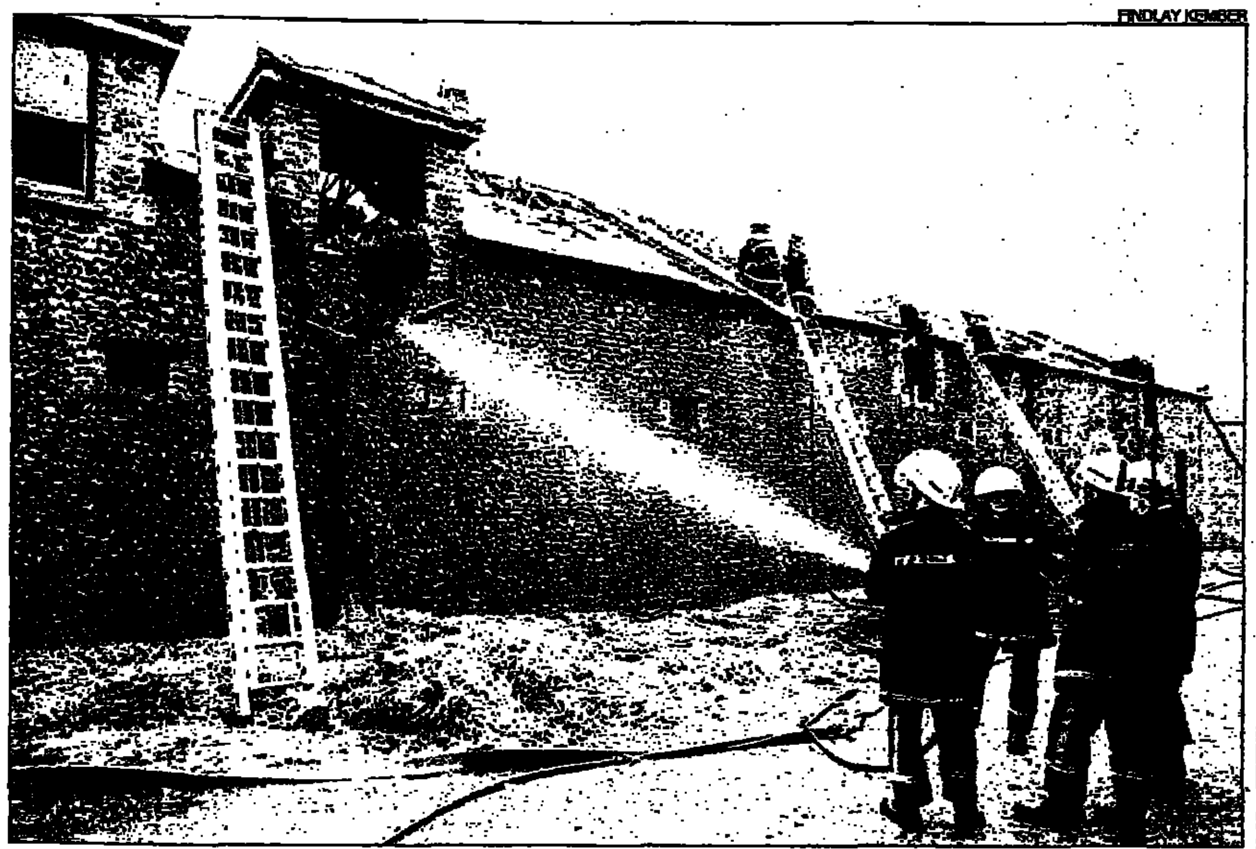

Firemen fight to contain the blaze at Luca Cumani's Bedford House stables in Newmarket yesterday

Jockey Club gives priority to doping investigation

BY RICHARD EVANS AND CHRIS McGRATH

THE hunt for those responsible for doping Avanti Express and Lively Knight is being led by a former detective chief superintendent whose team includes former Special Branch officers.

In recent years, the composition of the Jockey Club security department has been radically overhauled with retired senior policemen being brought in to work alongside racing intelligence officers — and considerable investigative resources have been devoted to the inquiry aimed at tracking down those responsible for the latest skulduggery.

However, more than six months have passed since the two National Hunt horses were administered Acetylpromazine (ACP), a fast-acting tranquilliser, and there must be a danger that the trail is growing cold. Even if a suspect is found, the security department has to work painstakingly to obtain evidence which is admissible and will satisfy the Crown Prosecution Service.

When Bravefoot and Norwich were victims of dopers at the 1990 St Leger meeting, the security department identified a likely culprit but the Crown Prosecution Service was unable to proceed because of lack of suitable evidence. Lessons have been learnt from that episode.

Sir Thomas Pilkington, senior steward of the Jockey Club, has been kept fully briefed on the latest dopings and yesterday he stressed that every effort was being made to catch those responsible. "I would like to emphasise the steps that are being taken. The Jockey Club is doing its utmost to track these people down. The concern we feel is considerable and this investigation is very much top priority. Once you get something like this it destroys confidence," he said.

While this episode must have an adverse effect on the sport's image, happily there is no suggestion of any skulduggery to the blaze which caused tens of thousands of pounds worth of damage to the historic core of Luca Cumani's Bedford House stables in Newmarket yesterday. Nobody was hurt, on two legs or four — ensuring that the trainer's principal sentiment last night, on his return from the sales in Ireland, was one of relief.

He said: "It's very sad, but, luckily, it started in the daytime and the fire officers were able to get it under control quickly."

Nonetheless, the Italian will be greeted by a melancholy sight at first light this morning, the elegant 19th century flint courtyard exposing its charred rafters to the sky. Its usual residents are the yard's humble hacks and ponies, of which only two apiece were in their box as second lot pulled out yesterday morning. Cumani's princely racing string of 150, housed in separate barns, was never in any peril.

Greg Chung, Cumani's assistant trainer, said: "Fortunately I just left a barn in the main yard when I spotted smoke coming out of the roof on the old courtyard, and the lads quickly took the hacks and ponies out of harm's way."

Chung valiantly took a fire extinguisher up a ladder, but the heat was already too intense. It took eight fire engines an hour to control the blaze. Senior officers believe there to be no suspicious circumstances surrounding its origin in a disused hayloft.

While other trainers have faced devastation — Jim Old last year and Howard Johnson only days ago — Cumani has been relatively lucky. The Italian's gravest concern must have been that the old courtyard adjoins Bedford House itself.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: WHITECHAPEL
(2.00 Ascot)
Next best: Ghalib
(4.15 Ascot)

ASCOT

THUNDERER

2.00 Whitechapel
2.30 Tussle
3.05 Blessed Spirit
3.40 Tightrope
4.15 GHALIB (nap)
4.45 Veridian
5.20 Thornby Park

Timekeeper's top rating: 5.20 JASEUR.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Tussle. 3.40 TIGHTROPE (nap). 4.45 Taunt.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARDS

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. Timekeeper's speed rating.

GOING: SOFT — DRAW: 6F-1M STR, LOW NUMBERS BEST
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING — SIS

2.00 BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE FINAL HANDICAP
(Gentleman amateurs: £4,319: 1m 4f) (12 runners)

101	(7)	4-00100	WHITECHAPEL 13 (CD,G,S) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 9-12-0	A Balding	50
102	(8)	322-001	XYLEM 9 (F,G,S) (C Ranson) L Cumani 6-11-8 (5ex)	G Ranson	44
103	(12)	3360100	RASAYEL 13 (D,F,G,S) (Pontons Holdings Ltd) P Evans 7-11-6	A Evans (4)	47
104	(3)	0000512	CIVIL LIBERTY 7 (BF,F) (Midcourts) G Lewis 4-10-12	T McCarthy	[illegible]
105	(10)	2411514	KORALOONA 49 (D,G,S) (B Keay) G Balding 4-10-8	L Jefford	48
106	(11)	0004230	FOURDANED 30 (J Fahey) S Dow 4-10-4	D McPhail	42
107	(9)	/03156-	WORLD EXPRESS 329J (S) (Dagistc Partnership) B Millman 7-10-2	K Goble	–
108	(4)	501600-	GRANBY BELL 344 (D,G,S) (H Walton) P Hayward 6-9-10	V Lukaniuk (4)	–
109	(6)	0353114	RUNNING FREE 65 (D,F,S) (BMH Pairs) M Fetherston-Godley 3-9-10	J Goldstein	40
110	(5)	0003130	COUNTRY THATCH 16 (F) (Mrs B Sumner) C Morgan 4-9-7	J Crowley (4)	46
111	(2)	6/04-60	NEW INN 6 (D,F,G) (I Stewart) S Gollings 6-9-7	R Wakley	43
112	(1)	1003340	DAUPHIN 8 (D,F,G) (Mrs R Brown) W Musson 4-9-7	S Durack (4)	48

Long handicap: Dauphin 9-4.

BETTING: 3-1 Civil Liberty, 7-2 Whitechapel, 5-1 Koraloona, Xylem, 8-1 Running Free, 10-1 Fourdaned, 12-1 others.

1996: FAIRY KNIGHT 4-10-12 C Bonner (4-1 fav) R Hannon 16 ran

FORM FOCUS Whitechapel 9½l 11th to Jaseur in 2m Ascot handicap (good). Xylem beat Alpine Hideaway ½l in 1m Newcastle amateurs' handicap (good to firm). Rasayel 17l last to Saleya in 1½m Haydock handicap (good to firm). Civil Liberty ¾l 2nd to Random Kindness in 1m3½l Lingfield amateurs' stakes (firm). Koraloona 4¾l 4th to Mengaab in 1½m Goodwood handicap (good to firm). Running Free 12l last of 4 to Castles Burning in 1½m Brighton handicap (good to firm).

WHITECHAPEL, a course and distance winner, can defy his big weight

2.30 TRIPLEPRINT MAIDEN STAKES
BBC1

(2-Y-O: £6,775: 6f) (7 runners)

201	(1)	COURAGEOUS (H R H Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	–
202	(5)	LATE NIGHT OUT (J Greetham) W Jarvis 9-0	J Reid	–
203	(2)	TUSSLE (T Harris) M Bell 9-0	M Fenton	–
204	(7)	WISTON CHEESE (R Scully) J Dunlop 9-0	T Sprake	–
205	(6)	MAYLAN (Spanish Connection) D Hyde 8-9	S Sanders	–
206	(4)	MISS MONEY SPIDER (P Green) R Hannon 8-9	Dane O'Neill	–
207	(3)	RUSSIAN DELIGHT (Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds I) R Hannon 8-9	R Perham	–

BETTING: 2-1 Courageous, 5-2 Tussle, 13-2 Wiston Cheese, Russian Delight, 8-1 Late Night Out, 10-1 others

1996: DANCES WITH DREAMS 8-9 J Reid (12-1) P Chapple-Hyam 7 ran

FORM FOCUS Courageous, Generous colt, half-brother to several middle distance winners. Late Night Out, Lahib colt, out of 6f winner Chain Dance. Tussle, Salse colt, out of winning sprinter Crime Ofthecentury. Wiston Cheese, Cryptoclearance colt, half-brother to a winning French stayer. Maylan, Lashkari filly, half-sister to a winning sprinter. Miss Money Spider, Statoblest filly, out of a lightly-raced mare. Russian Delight, Soviet Lad filly, half-sister to smart Fenny Rough.

COURAGEOUS is the subject of encouraging reports

3.05 BONUSPRINT OCTOBER STAKES
BBC1

(Listed race: £17,181: 1m rnd) (11 runners)

301	(4)	6264130	BLESSED SPIRIT 48 (CD,F,S) (Sir William Stuttaford) C Wall 4-8-11	S Sanders	96
302	(7)	0331130	APACHE STAR 20 (V,D,F,S) (A Oppenheimer) G Wragg 3-8-8	M Hills	104
303	(10)	02-0010	DAME LAURA 13 (G) (A Monson) H Morrison 3-8-8	T Sprake	[illegible]
304	(6)	3-32002	DANCING DROP 27 (F,G) (M Sabai) R Hannon 3-8-8	Dane O'Neill	98
305	(8)	10	FIAMETTA 35 (S) (B Vodi) C Brittain 3-8-8	L Dettori	80
306	(2)	0-21	HEAVENLY RAY 195 (D,F) (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 3-8-8	T Quinn	91
307	(11)	51504	JAFN 41 (F) (H al-Maktoum) B Hanbury 3-8-8	R Hills	102
308	(5)	2101	MARLAYA 19 (F,G) (H R H Aga Khan) L Cumani 3-8-8	K Darley	95
309	(1)	1	NORTHERN BLESSING 17 (D,F) (Twelve Apostles) P Harris 3-8-8	J Reid	96
310	(3)	1-4	PALISADE 23 (G) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 3-8-8	K Fallon	94
311	(9)	-220042	PRIENA 13 (V,F) (Cadda Africa) D Loder 3-8-8	R Cochrane	101

BETTING: 7-2 Dancing Drop, 4-1 Marlaya, 5-1 Priena, 6-1 Palisade, 8-1 Apache Star, Jafn, 10-1 others.

1996: FATEFULLY 3-8-11 L Dettori (6-1) S bin Suroor 12 ran

FORM FOCUS Blessed Spirit 3¼l 8th to Kool Kat Katie in 1m Deauville listed stakes (good). Apache Star 14l 13th to Prince Of Denial in 1m Newbury handicap (good to firm). Dame Laura 8¾l 11th to Elnadim in 6f Ascot group II stakes (good to firm). Dancing Drop 1l 2nd to Law Commission in 7f Goodwood handicap (good). Fiametta 10l 8th to Alzeasi in 6f Haydock limited stakes (good to soft). Heavenly Ray beat Muhtafel 1l in 1m Yarmouth maiden stakes (firm). Marlaya beat Triple Leap 1½l in 1¼m Haydock stakes (good). Northern Blessing beat Burning Truth 5l in 1m Nottingham maiden stakes (good to firm). Palisade 3¼l 4th to March Star in 6f Yarmouth stakes (firm). Priena neck 2nd to Kenmist in 1m Ascot handicap (good to firm).

APACHE STAR, at home on soft ground, could have the edge in a tricky race

3.40 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE / JOCKEYS ASSOCIATION NURSERY HANDICAP
BBC2

(2-Y-O: £8,949: 7f) (16 runners)

401	(15)	010	ADMIRE 29 (G) (Miss G Kelleway) Miss G Kelleway 9-7	R French (3)	90
402	(14)	231150	MOONTABEH 19 (V,F) (H al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-2	D Holland	91
403	(2)	01	SMART SQUALL 29 (D,G) (E Ward) Lord Huntingdon 9-1	J Reid	92
404	(13)	3124	INDIAN MISSILE 76 (BF,F) (K Alsayegh) J Dunlop 9-1	R Hills	87
405	(3)	2206370	TAKE A TURN 21 (V,D,S) (Stoat & Roll Contractors Ltd) M Channon 8-12	J Fortune	91
406	(12)	321	SCENT OF SUCCESS 23 (V,D,F) (S Sutcliff) M Stoute 8-12	K Darley	94
407	(10)	809	CHIEF CASHIER 29 (Surgical Spirits) G Balding 8-9	S Drowne	95
408	(4)	2214242	DEMOLITION JO 11 (V,D,F) (J Pugh) P Evans 8-9	JF Egan	100
409	(8)	02012	TITAN 16 (D,G) (J & S Kelly) S Dow 8-9	K Fallon	92
410	(5)	8845104	COOL SECRET 14 (F) (G Darley Racing Partnership) A Mulholland 8-9	T Lucas	[illegible]
411	(9)	8535	PAY ON RED 46 (T Neill) P Cole 8-7	T Quinn	90
412	(1)	004421	TIGHTROPE 5 (F) (W Stott) M Prescott 8-7 (5ex)	S Sanders	96
413	(16)	0220430	WHO NOSE 7 (B,F,G) (Abbott Racing Ltd) B Meehan 8-6	M Tebbutt	93
414	(11)	02306	BALACLAVA 16 (Lord Hopetoun) E Dunlop 8-4	G Carter	94
415	(7)	004566	WATER FORCE 21 (B Attenborough) G Balding 8-2	N Varley	93
416	(6)	425634	SIGNATORY 31 (Winning Team) R Hannon 8-1	J Quinn	97

BETTING: 7-2 Tightrope, 11-2 Scent Of Success, 6-1 Smart Squall, Indian Missile, Demolition Jo, 10-1 Titan, 12-1 Admire, Moontabeh, Cool Secret, Pay On Red, Balaclava, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS Admire 5¾l last to Midnight Line in 1m group III Doncaster stakes (good to firm). Moontabeh 15l last of 8 to Surveyor in 6f Kempton nursery (good). Smart Squall beat Tumbleweed Hero ¾l in 7f maiden (good) with Chief Cashier (6lb better off) 2½l 3rd. Indian Missile 5¼l 4th to Bolero Kid in 7f Redcar nursery (soft). Take A Turn 17l 10th to Fashion Victim in 1m Ayr nursery (good to soft). Scent Of Success beat Elanaika 1¼l in 7f Beverley maiden (good to firm). Demolition Jo 1½l 2nd to Jacmar in 6f Hamilton nursery (good). Titan ½l 2nd to Inshishway in 7f Goodwood stakes (good). Pay On Red 4¾l 5th to Bobbydazzle in 1m Newcastle nursery (good). Tightrope beat Narrogin 4l in 1m Leicester handicap (good to firm). Who Nose 12l last of 8 to Haami in 7f Newmarket stakes (good to firm). Water Force 8l 6th to Sonley Seeker in 7f Newbury handicap (good).

TIGHTROPE has a fine chance of overcoming a 5lb penalty

4.15 RACING CHANNEL STAKES (£4,635: 1m str) (5 runners)

501	(4)	1	GHALIB 21 (D,S) (H al-Maktoum) W Hern 3-9-0	R Hills	107
502	(1)	0-5	CHAI-YO 202 (N Viney) J Old 7-8-12	S Sanders	94
503	(2)	043-004	ROYAL PHILOSOPHER 19 (D,G,S) (A Miller) J Hills 5-8-12	M Hills	106
504	(3)	-244245	WEET-A-MINUTE 9 (D,F,G) (E Westman) R Hollinshead 4-8-12	T Quinn	[illegible]
505	(5)	22-	STORIES TO TELL 422 (BF) (Buckram Oak Holdings) H Cecil 3-8-9	K Fallon	–

BETTING: 11-8 Weet-A-Minute, 15-8 Stories To Tell, 11-4 Ghalib, 12-1 Royal Philosopher, 14-1 Chai-Yo.

FORM FOCUS Ghalib beat Brigand 1l in 1m Newbury maiden (soft). Royal Philosopher 18l 4th to Barnum Sands in 1¼m Kempton stakes (good). Weet-A-Minute 4¼l 5th to Intikhab in 1m Newmarket listed stakes (good). Stories To Tell 2l 2nd to Further Outlook in 7½f Beverley stakes (firm).

GHALIB can confirm the favourable impression of Newbury

4.45 LITTLETON STUD HANDICAP (£7,490: 1m 4f) (13 runners)

601	(1)	-632210	TAUNT 12 (D,S) (Lord Hartington) D Morley 3-9-10	M Hills	88
602	(11)	6-2231	DOUBLE ALLEGED 39 (G) (Mrs N Haggins) M Johnston 3-9-8	J Weaver	87
603	(5)	0101002	MATTIMEO 10 (C,F,G) (Mrs M Keogh) A Jarvis 4-9-7	C Lowther (5)	89
604	(8)	0015124	VERIDIAN 61 (BF,D,F,S) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 4-9-7	K Fallon	98
605	(2)	-500123	WILD RITA 49 (D,F,G) (Perspicacious Punters Racing Club) W Muir 5-9-7	J Reid	88
606	(3)	5344015	LONELY HEART 16 (F) (C Harper) D Elsworth 3-9-2	T Quinn	80
607	(7)	53331-3	ROYAL DIVERSION 8 (D,S) (R Green (Fine Paintings)) M Pipe 4-9-2	K Darley	75
608	(10)	0051300	MAGIC COMBINATION 28 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 4-9-0	J Quinn	85
609	(4)	2213525	PREMIER GENERATION 86 (S) (Mrs W Ocam) D Arbuthnot 4-8-12	D Holland	84
610	(12)	301	BEL CANTO 15 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-12	L Dettori	90
611	(13)	510-400	TIGER LAKE 180 (D,F) (B Solomon and Miss J-A Wood) S Dow 4-8-11	J Egan	–
612	(6)	4015000	HAPPY GO LUCKY 22 (F,S) (Whitcombe Manor Ltd) B O'Sullivan 3-8-8	S Sanders	90
613	(9)	4256444	MANTLES PRINCE 24 (D Bartel) G Lewis 3-8-7	Paul Eddery	[illegible]

BETTING: 9-2 Bel Canto, 6-1 Wild Rita, 13-2 Mattimeo, Veridian, 8-1 Taunt, Double Alleged, Royal Diversion, Magic Combination, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS Taunt 6l 7th to Ridaiyma in 1½m Ascot handicap (good to firm). Double Alleged beat Aeolina 8l in 1m3f Hamilton maiden (good). Mattimeo sh hd 2nd to Flint Knapper in 1¼m Newmarket apprentice handicap (good to firm). Veridian 4½l 4th to Grief in 1¼m Epsom handicap (good). Wild Rita 2½l 3rd to Maserad in 1m6½f Newmarket handicap (good). Lonely Heart 3¾l last of 5 to Danish Rhapsody in 1¼m Goodwood stakes (good to firm). Royal Diversion ¾l 3rd to Water Flower in 1½m Newmarket claimer (good). Premier Generation 5¾l 5th to What A Fuss in 1m3½f Yarmouth handicap (good). Bel Canto beat Tough Act ¾l in 1¼m Goodwood maiden (good to firm).

DOUBLE ALLEGED can profit from the step up in distance

5.20 WYNDHAM HANDICAP (£9,441: 2m 45yd) (10 runners)

1	(8)	4-50511	JASEUR 13 (V,CD,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-10	L Dettori	[illegible]
2	(6)	-000040	STORY LINE 19 (C,S) (Story Line Partnership) D Arbuthnot 4-9-8	R French (3)	87
3	(7)	1103-00	HAL HOO YAROOM 19 (F,G) (Y Y Partnership) R Akehurst 4-9-5	J Weaver	79
4	(9)	-465526	SEA VICTOR 13 (BF,D,F,G) (J Abell) J L Harris 5-9-1	D Holland	85
5	(5)	4212440	THORNBY PARK 13 (B,S) (Appleby Lodge Stud) J Dunlop 3-8-11	T Sprake	84
6	(3)	0-4014	BOLD BUSTER 22 (BF,S) (R S Evans Late E Hitchins) I Balding 4-8-11	M Hills	90
7	(10)	/666400	ROYAL SEATON 35 (F,S) (Axminster Carpets) Mrs P Dutfield 8-8-9	R Havlin (3)	92
8	(4)	2001220	GALAPINO 13 (F) (Glendale Partnership Ltd) Miss G Kelleway 4-8-9	J Reid	85
9	(2)	5-02331	CITY HALL 11 (V,F) (Lord Weinstock) M Stoute 3-8-9 (3ex)	T Quinn	84
10	(1)	0213401	ARCADY 63 (D,F) (J Henderson) J L Harris 4-8-4	R Mullen (5)	85

BETTING: 5-2 City Hall, 7-2 Jaseur, 6-1 Sea Victor, 7-1 Galapino, Arcady, 8-1 Thornby Park, 10-1 Bold Buster, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS Jaseur beat Princess Topaz 3½l in 2m Ascot handicap (good) with Sea Victor (9lb better off) 7¾l 6th, Thornby Park (13lb better off) 9¾l 9th, Story Line (8lb better off) 9½l 10th and Galapino (10lb better off) 9¾l 12th. Hal Hoo Yaroom 28l 7th to Renzo in 1¾m Kempton handicap (good). Bold Buster 5l 4th to Philmist in 1m2½f Ayr amateur handicap (good to soft). Royal Seaton 9¼l 8th to Dance So Suite in 1½m Epsom handicap (good) with Hal Hoo Yaroom (2lb better off) 33l 14th. City Hall beat Prospero 1¼l in 2m1f Bath handicap (good to firm). Arcady beat Motet ½l in 2m Newmarket handicap (good to firm).

JASEUR is taken to continue his improvement

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Prescott	8	21	28.6	L Dettori	41	252	16.3
G Wragg	11	52	21.2	T Quinn	29	212	13.7
W Hern	5	25	20.0	R Hills	15	133	11.3
C Wall	3	15	20.0	J Reid	28	250	11.2
H Cecil	18	97	18.6	J Weaver	11	101	10.9

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

To conclude our Refresher series on play at trick one we will look at a hand first reported by Tim Bourke, the Australian international player and writer.

Dealer West — **Game all**

North:
♠ A 7 5
♥ 7 3 2
♦ K Q J 4
♣ 9 8 3

West:
♠ K Q J 10 8 2
♥ J
♦ 10 8 3
♣ Q 7 2

East:
♠ 6
♥ Q 10 5
♦ 9 7 6 5 2
♣ K J 10 5

South:
♠ 9 4 3
♥ A K 9 8 6 4
♦ A
♣ A 6 4

S	W	N	E
—	2 S (1)	Pass	Pass
3 H	Pass	4 H	All Pass

Contract: Four Hearts by South. Lead: king of spades

(1) weak, 6-10 points, six-card spade suit.

This hand was played in a teams match. The first declarer won the ace of spades and cashed the ace and king of hearts, hoping for a 2-2 break. When that did not materialise he had no entry to dummy to cash the diamonds. He went two down, losing two spades, two clubs and a trump.

The declarer in the other room saw a much better line, and one that I don't think that I have seen in print before. He ducked the first spade. It looked to West that his partner had 64 doubleton in spades, so to remove an entry to dummy he continued with the queen of spades.

Declarer played dummy's ace and East ruffed, no doubt giving it little thought or perhaps imagining that his partner had surprised declarer by having a seven-card suit on this occasion. East switched to a club and declarer won with the ace. He cashed the ace and king of hearts which now drew the opponents' trumps and thus established the seven as an entry to dummy. He cashed the ace of diamonds and crossed with a trump to discard his three black-suit losers on dummy's three diamond winners. He made eleven tricks in all.

After the event, it is easy to say that East should not have ruffed the ace of spades. Then declarer would not have been able to get at dummy's diamonds.

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Veteran's victory

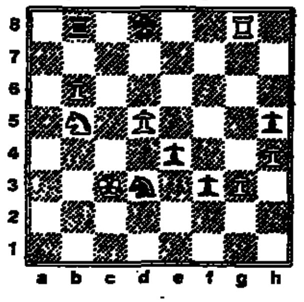
Viktor Korchnoi, the veteran of two official world championship matches, clinched his match against Etienne Bacrot, the world's youngest grandmaster, by the convincing score of four points to two. What ultimately told in Korchnoi's favour was his immense skill in the endgame. In the final game of the match today, Bacrot is squeezed and his hopes of holding Korchnoi to a tie were annihilated.

White: Viktor Korchnoi
Black: Etienne Bacrot
Albert, France 1997

English Opening

1	c4	e5
2	g3	c6
3	d4	Bb4+
4	Bd2	Bxd2+
5	Qxd2	d6
6	Nc3	Nf6
7	Bg2	0-0
8	e4	Nbd7
9	Nge2	a6
10	0-0	b5
11	cxb5	axb5
12	a3	Nb6
13	b3	Qe7
14	h3	Bb7
15	Qe3	Nbd7
16	Rfd1	Rfd3
17	d5	Ra6
18	dxc6	Bxc6
19	Nd5	Bxd5
20	exd5	Qe8
21	Nc3	Nc5
22	Bf1	Rb8
23	a4	Nxb3
24	Rab1	Nd4
25	Bxb5	Nxb5
26	axb5	Rab6
27	Ra1	Nd7
28	Ra7	Qd8
29	Qf3	R6b7
30	Rxb7	Rxb7
31	Ne4	Qc7
32	Qc3	Qxc3
33	Nxc3	Kf8
34	Ra1	Ke7
35	Ra6	h5
36	Kf1	f5
37	h4	g6
38	Ke2	Nc5
39	Rc6	Nb3
40	Kd3	Kd7
41	Kc4	Nd4
42	f4	Rb8
43	fxe5	dxe5
44	Kc5	Nb3+
45	Kb4	Nc1
46	b6	e4
47	Nb5	Nd3+
48	Kc3	f4
49	Rxg6	f3
50	Rg7+	Kd8
51	Rg8+	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



After 51 ... Ke7 52 Rxb8 f2 53 Rb7+ Kf8 54 Nd6 f1Q 55 Rf7+ Qxf7 56 Nxf7 Nc5 57 Ng5 White wins easily.

Final crosstable

	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Korchnoi	1	½	0	1	½	1	4
Bacrot	0	½	1	0	½	0	2

In the above table, 1 represents a win, ½ a draw and 0 a loss

Times book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in *The Times*, and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99 plus postage and packing).

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HALIOTIS
a. A small service lift
b. Sea shells
c. Bad breath

GLACON
a. A boiled sweet
b. Chestnut cream
c. An ice floe

GRAVETTE
a. A flint knife
b. A musical dance form
c. Ornamental script

HAMBERGITE
a. A crystal
b. A Hanseatic seaman
c. Collar of a draught horse

Answers on page 46

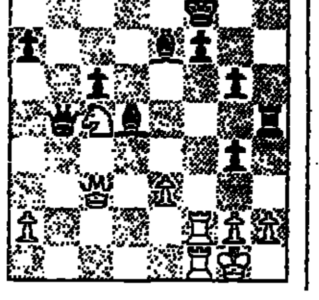
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Skotorenko — Vladimirov, USSR 1961.

White has an active position but Black appears to have covered the major weak spots, as his rook controls h8 and his bishop controls f7. However, White found a neat geometric combination which won quickly. What did he play?

Solution on page 46



CARLISLE

THUNDERER

1.50 Little Miss Rocker. 2.20 Kings Minstral. 2.55 Four From Home. 3.30 Royal Vacation. 4.05 Cottage Prince. 4.35 Marble Man. 5.10 Lunar Dancer.

GOING: FIRM (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) — SIS

1.50 SHAP JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(3-Y-O: £2,248: 2m 1f) (3 runners)

1	01	DISSINGTON TIMES 39 (F) W McKeown 11-5	A Dobbin
2	331	REAL FIRE 15 (F) M Meagher 11-5	F Leahy (3)
3		LITTLE MISS ROCKER 25F A Dickman 10-7	D Parker

6-5 Real Fire, 11-8 Dissington Times, 3-1 Little Miss Rocker

2.20 DURDAR NOVICES CHASE
(£3,453: 2m 4f 110yd) (6)

1	/P-2	ANOTHER MEADOW 48 J Dixon 9-10-12	B Storey
2	0/F-	GOLD BITS 149 (V) G Richards 6-10-12	A Dobbin
3	R-U2	KINGS MINSTRAL 10 (D,G) D Lamb 7-10-12	J Burke
4	456/	STRONG BLADE 626 J Wade 7-10-12	A P McCoy
5	0/	TITAN THAI 1078 N Mason 9-10-12	R Guest
6	4/SP	SOUND PROFIT 10 W Young 9-10-7	S Taylor (5)

11-10 Kings Minstral, 7-4 Gold Bits, 6-1 Strong Blade, 12-1 others.

2.55 HARRABY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,262: 2m 4f 110yd) (6)

1	1223	LEAP IN THE DARK 13 (D,F,S) Miss L Siddall 8-11-13	A P McCoy
2	2-41	RET FREM 15 (D,F) C Parker 4-11-9	B Storey
3	6-22	FOUR FROM HOME 16 J J O'Neill 5-11-5	A Roche
4	-F42	CHIEF OF KHORASSAN 20 S Kettlewell 5-10-12	R Johnson
5	5-54	RUBISLAW 7 Mrs K Lamb 5-10-0	Miss S Lamb (7)
6	4463	MEADOWLECK 7 W Young 8-10-0	S Taylor (5)

2-1 Ret Frem, 3-4 Four From Home, 3-1 Leap In The Dark, 5-1 Chief Of Khorassan, 25-1 Rubislaw, Meadowleck.

3.30 BLACKWELL HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,188: 3m) (4)

1	-123	ROYAL VACATION 5 (C,D,F,G) G M Moore 8-12-0	J Callaghan
2	54P/	BOARDING SCHOOL 538 (F,G,S) C Parker 10-10-10	D Parker
3	4443	WHITE DIAMOND 5 (V,D,F,S) Miss L Russell 9-10-0	D Reid (7)
4	33-4	QUIXALL CROSSETT 118 E Cane 12-10-0	S Taylor (5)

1-3 Royal Vacation, 4-1 Boarding School, 8-1 White Diamond, 33-1 Quixall Crossett

4.05 ORTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,206: 2m 1f) (5)

1	5-12	PENTLAND SQUIRE 7 (BF,CD,F) J Jefferson 6-11-10	A K Smith (5)
2	4-32	WELL APPOINTED 5 (CD,F,G) B Mactaggart 8-11-9	I Jardine (5)
3	01-2	COTTAGE PRINCE 13 (F,G) J J Quinn 4-11-7	G Hogan
4	422-	SOUSSE 137 (BF,CD,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-11-5	G Lee
5	56-2	ROYAL CIRCUS 8 (D,F,G) P Hiatt 8-10-7	E Husband

2-1 Cottage Prince, 5-2 Well Appointed, 3-1 Pentland Squire, 7-2 Sousse, 7-1 Royal Circus

4.35 CITY OF CARLISLE HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,355: 2m) (5)

1	53-1	WAYUPHILL 20 (F,S) C Parker 10-11-12	B Storey
2	5523	CROSS CANNON 21 (D,F,G,S) J Wade 11-11-4	A P McCoy
3	13-2	MARBLE MAN 7 (CD,F,S) M Pell 7-10-12	D Bentley
4	F123	BATTERY FIRED 15 (G) N Mason 8-10-3	R Guest
5	40-6	MOVAC 39 (D,F,G) Miss L Russell 8-10-0	R Johnson

7-4 Wayuphill, 11-4 Cross Cannon, 3-1 Marble Man, 4-1 Battery Fired, 25-1 Movac

5.10 TARN CRAG STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,035: 2m 1f) (9)

1	1-	LUNAR DANCER 179 (F) P Dalton 5-11-11	A P McCoy
2	4	C'MON TIGER 20 Duane Sager 5-11-4	A Dobbin
3		KNIGHTSBRIDGE LAD Miss V Williams 5-11-4	R Johnson
4	2-4	LITTLE DUKE 15 Mrs S Bradburne 5-11-4	Mr M Bradburne (7)
5	0-	MILL-DOT 193 F Murtagh 5-11-4	C McCormack (7)
6		MR KELBURNE J Jefferson 5-11-4	L Wyer
7		THE MOOR M Tompkins 6-11-4	R Guest
8	0	JUST JAKE 15 J Jefferson 4-11-3	E Callaghan (3)
9	53-	TOTEM FOLE 160 Mrs M Reveley 4-11-3	P Niven

3-1 Totem Fole, 7-2 Lunar Dancer, 5-1 The Moor, 6-1 Knightsbridge Lad, Mr Kelburne, 8-1 Little Duke, 10-1 C'Mon Tiger, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 32 winners from 101 runners, 31.7%; J Jefferson, 15 from 53, 28.3%; G Richards, 31 from 150, 20.7%; Mrs S Bradburne, 5 from 30, 16.7%; C Parker, 15 from 109, 13.8%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 30 winners from 108 rides, 27.8%; A Dobbin, 24 from 129, 18.6%; L Wyer, 7 from 41, 17.1%; G Lee, 6 from 38, 15.8%; J Burke, 7 from 48, 14.6%; J Callaghan, 7 from 48, 14.6%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Ascot: 3.05 Priena, 3.40 Moontabeh, 5.20 Thornby Park. Carlisle: 2.20 Gold Bits.

THUNDERER

2.10 Tuckers Town. 2.40 Herbert Lodge. 3.15 Fiveleigh Builds. 3.50 Star Market. 4.25 Scottish Bambi. 4.55 Gatflax.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES) — SIS

2.10 THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS ASSOCIATION NOVICES HURDLE (£2,373: 2m 4f 110yd) (11 runners)

1	4-21	NORTHERN FLEET 46 (CD,F) Mrs A Perrett 4-11-4	M A Fitzgerald	98
2	25F-	DESERT CHALLENGER 350 J Jenkins 7-10-12	N Williamson	65
3	602-	DON'T TELL TOM 207 R Haynes 7-10-12	A Maguire	80
4	RRR/	HERE'S HUMPHREY 573P J Whyte 8-10-12	P Hide	–
5	/F4-	JUST 'N ACE 244 Miss S Edwards 6-10-12	L Aspell (3)	88
6	403-	PEALINGS 145 G Hubbard 5-10-12	Michael Brennan (3)	86
7	0P-	ROYAL MIST 193 Mrs J Pitman 6-10-12	R Farrant	–
8	341/	SWYNFORD PRIDE 550 (F) J Hetherton 5-10-12	D Byrne	–
9	3-	TUCKERS TOWN 247 (BF) O Sherwood 5-10-12	J Osborne	–
10		TOM'S SURPRISE F Jackson 4-10-11	Mr N Kent	–
11	831-	QUISTAQUAY 209 (S) J Mullins 5-10-7	S Curran	–

9-4 Northern Fleet, 4-1 Tuckers Town, 5-1 Pealings, 6-1 Swynford Pride, 8-1 Quistaquay, 10-1 Royal Mist, 12-1 Desert Challenger, 16-1 others.

2.40 DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS NOVICES CHASE (£3,611: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1	6-PP	BOSTON MAN 35 (G) R Woodhouse 6-10-12	W Dwan	–
2	-2P4	CHIAPPUCCI 21 (G,S) Mrs E Heath 7-10-12	A Thornton	85
3	PF-P	GONE FOR LUNCH 17 (F) J Whyte 6-10-12	P Hide	–
4	U5-2	HERBERT LODGE 12 (F,S) K Bailey 8-10-12	N Williamson	99
5	4PP-	HIGHLAND FLAME 164 A Blackmore 8-10-12	P Henley (3)	–
6	-422	MOOBAKKR 19 (F,G,S) K Morgan 6-10-12	A S Smith	96
7	5-42	PANGERAN 35 N Haynes 5-10-10	A Maguire	89

1-2 Herbert Lodge, 5-1 Pangeran, 7-1 Moobakkr, 12-1 Chiappucci, 16-1 others.

3.15 WASTLE RACING WINE CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (£4,605: 3m) (3)

1	31-4	BAVARD DIEU 12 (D,F,G,S) N Gaselee 9-12-0	C Llewellyn	75
2	-314	FIVELEIGH BUILDS 27 (D,F,G) Miss Russell 10-11-11	A Thornton	95
3	036-	PIMS GUNNER 223 (F,G,S) M Hammond 9-10-3	A Maguire	91

11-10 Fiveleigh Builds, 6-4 Bavard Dieu, 4-1 Pims Gunner

3.50 CHAMPAGNE DEVAUX HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,312: 2m 110yd) (6)

1	1R1-	STAR MARKET 364 (B,CD,F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 7-12-0	Mr S Joynes (7)	96
2	120-	DASHING DOLLAR 314 (D,S) C Mann 6-10-13	R Dunwoody	91
3	235-	CAN CAN CHARLIE 223 (D,F,G) J Pearce 7-10-0	T Kent	99
4	11F4	IRIE MON 13 (D,F,G) M Bielby 5-10-0	R Thornton (3)	86
5	P264	ANTIGUAN FLYER 13 (CD,F,G) G Prodromou 8-10-0	Michael Brennan (3)	113
6	0402	WAMDHA 21 (CD,F,G,S) K Morgan 7-10-0	A S Smith	78

15-8 Dashing Dollar, 5-2 Star Market, 9-2 Can Can Charlie, 7-1 Irie Mon, Wamdha, 8-1 Antiguan Flyer.

4.25 NORMANS CHAIS CLARENDON HANDICAP CHASE (£4,617: 2m 110yd) (3)

1	31-4	SCOTTISH BAMBI 21 (CD,F,S) P R Webber 9-12-0	J Osborne	90
2	1221	NO LIGHT 13 (D,F,G,S) A Tassell 10-10-8	L Harvey	97
3	P322	WHO'S TO SAY 11 (D,F,G) P Pritchard 11-10-1	Dr P Pritchard	88

5-4 No Light, 11-8 Scottish Bambi, 3-1 Who's To Say

4.55 WASTLE FOOD & WINE INTERMEDIATE OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (£1,382: 2m 110yd) (18)

1	1-	GATFLAX 198 (D,G) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-11	M Keighley (7)	–
2	314-	BESSIE BROWNE 202 (G) G Hubbard 5-11-6	B Elkins (7)	–
3		BARTON BLACK S Brookshaw 5-11-4	S Wynne	–
4	5-	BIGSOUND 281 Miss V Williams 5-11-4	N Williamson	–
5		DEPECHE-TOI G McCourt 6-11-4	D Fortt (3)	–
6		KING'S FLIGHT J Spearing 6-11-4	D Bridgwater	–
7		MISSED CALL M Tompkins 5-11-4	A Maguire	–
8	6-	MISTER CHIPS 317 J King 6-11-4	L Pitcher (7)	–
9	20-	NORMANIA 174 Miss S Edwards 5-11-4	L Aspell (3)	–
10	P1-	TAKE MY SIDE 187P (S) M J Roberts 5-11-4	M A Fitzgerald	–
11		ALBERT WOODS B Palling 4-11-2	T Jenks	–
12		BARTON C Brooks 4-11-3	G Brace (7)	–
13	0	CAPTAIN SAM 21 F Jackson 4-11-3	Mr N Kent	–
14	30-	RIN BEC 223 A P Jones 4-11-3	S McNeill	–
15		MOON TIGER B Palling 4-11-3	R Farrant	–
16	0	RACE LANE 21 Mrs E Heath 5-10-13	D Gallagher	–
17		TUWAIN G Johnson Houghton 5-10-13	A Thornton	–
18	0-0	ARCTIC AFFAIR 111 K Morgan 4-10-12	P Morris (5)	–

5-4 Gatflax, 6-1 Bessie Browne, 8-1 Normania, 10-1 Bigsound, Barton, 12-1 Barton Black, Depeche-Toi, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: K Bailey, 25 winners from 71 runners, 35.2%; J Spearing, 8 from 25, 32.0%; Mrs J Pitman, 8 from 38, 21.1%; G Hubbard, 9 from 53, 17.0%; J Pearce, 5 from 32, 15.6%; A P Jones, 4 from 26, 15.4%.

JOCKEYS: P Hide, 17 winners from 60 rides, 28.3%; D Byrne, 6 from 21, 28.1%; N Williamson, 15 from 62, 24.2%; S McNeill, 12 from 61, 19.7%; R Dunwoody, 17 from 91, 18.7%.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

ASCOT BBC1

2.30: Whatever the merits of the individual horses, a televised race consisting of seven unraced runners is hardly compelling viewing — and begs questions of both the BBC and Ascot. With the soft ground making predictions even more difficult, punters should give this race a miss. Paul Cole's juveniles are usually wound up sufficiently for their debut and Courageous, a 150,000gns Generous colt, has been working nicely. However, Michael Bell has his string in form and Tussle, speedily bred on the dam's side, is just preferred.

3.05: Northern Blessing looked decidedly useful on her belated debut at Nottingham but may lack the experience in this class. Despite being by Gone West, Palisade races as though easy ground will suit — along with today's longer trip. Sharpo's offspring love the mud and Jafn looks to hold decent claims after finishing fourth to the useful One So Wonderful at Sandown last time out.

BBC2

3.40: Sir Mark Prescott is wasting no time running Tightrope after his easy nursery success over a mile at Leicester on Sunday. The Alzao colt's proven stamina should be an advantage over this stiff seven furlongs and he can shrug aside a 5lb penalty. Demolition Jo, Pay On Red and Who Nose have form chances, but the biggest threat may come from Water Force, who should relish this ground.

RICHARD EVANS

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Liverpool anxious to secure Petruzzi

By David Maddock

ROY EVANS, the Liverpool manager, will keep a watchful eye on Italy this weekend, but not necessarily towards the international in Rome. Evans has a desperate need for a centre half and his search has taken him to AS Roma, of Serie A.

He has expressed an interest in Fabio Petruzzi, a former Italy centre half, and is ready to open negotiations. Petruzzi will be a free agent when his contract expires in the summer and Roma are hoping to obtain a fee for him before then. Should Liverpool be successful, they will pay in the region of £2 million for the 26-year-old.

Evans has been searching Europe for a commanding centre half. He made an inquiry last week after watching Jaap Stam, 25, play superbly for PSV Eindhoven in Barcelona, but the Dutch club want to retain the Holland international until their European Cup Champions' League fate is decided.

Micky Adams is the new manager of Swansea City, after the departure this week of Jan Molby. Adams, dismissed by Fulham after guiding them to promotion from the Nationwide League third division, will have Alan Cork as his assistant.

Adams, who has a 2½-year contract, admitted that he felt sorry for his predecessor. "I appreciate the work Jan has put in, but we have been employed to do the job now and we aim to give it our best shot," he said.

Les Ferdinand will enter hospital this afternoon for an operation on the stomach injury that forced him to withdraw from the England squad which travelled to Italy for the World Cup qualifier. Tottenham Hotspur, the player's club, could, under the Football Association's compensation rules, claim up to £250,000 for his absence. Ferdinand, who could be out for ten weeks, aggravated the injury training with England and Tottenham are entitled to receive the player's wages, thought to be in the region of £20,000 per week.

Ray Wilkins is about to make his first signing as Fulham manager after agreeing a nominal fee with Sunderland for Paul Bracewell, the former England midfield player.

Jamie Pollock has been placed on the transfer list after Colin Todd, the Bolton Wanderers manager, agreed the midfield player could leave. "He hasn't asked for a transfer, but I will keep him informed of any interested teams," Todd said.

Italians identify Manchester United striker as pivotal figure

Sheringham turns down the heat

ROB HUGHES

on an England forward with a dual role in Rome

In the midday heat of Rome, the coolest man is Teddy Sheringham. The Italians regard him as pivotal and England will need him to set an example in composure to contrast with the collective combustion — and its danger of red cards — of Gascoigne, Wright, Ince or Batty.

"Hopefully, I'll be playing," Sheringham said, laconically, "so, I'll be a target of some kind. I am looking forward to it."

The Italians guarantee it. Another prime minister may have fallen, they may still be mourning the deaths caused by the recent earth tremors in Umbria, yet football, *calcio*, consumes them.

Sheringham became a marked man after the Tournoi de France in June, where Alessandro Costacurta, the AC Milan defender, acknowledged his part in England's first victory over Italy for 20 years: "Now to Roma, very different," the Italian said. Nine days ago, when Sheringham scored for Manchester United against Juventus, Angelo Peruzzi, the goalkeeper, said: "We'll have to keep an eye on Sheringham."

Sheringham suspects that there will be more than an eye. "It's a different kind of physical action," he said. "It's very different, very clever, not like a straightforward kick in the English game. At corners, they stand with their hands literally around you — how it's not a foul beats me."

Sheringham relishes the cerebral edge to international play, recognises perhaps that, like Glenn Hoddle, his style is better suited to the rhythms, the subtleties and even the wiles employed to put a man off his game.

As he sat with us in Rome, the recent Manchester United recruit needed teasing out. How physical does he expect the game at the Olympic Stadium to be?

Fairly physical.

The worst he's experienced?

Worse than playing Wimbledon, do you reckon?

And so it went on. He would not say if or how he gets even. He would say that he may have retaliated, may have lost his temper, and must have got away with it. There was amusement, concealment, in the blue eyes.

Yet Sheringham, 31, insisted that he is, in some ways, the new boy. "The lads at Manchester United have seen a lot more [European play] than I have and in their careers they've only seen the good times." He paused, anticipating what was coming next. Will Mr Cool be able to control the fires, the intemperate violations, of Wright, Gascoigne and Co?

This intelligent Englishman appreciates that Saturday night might be won by character as much as skill, temperament as much as talent, so he knew the importance of the question, the need within England's ranks for someone to control and suppress the dangers before a crowd of 83,000, barely 7,000 of whom will be on England's side.

"Life's about big games," he said. "The atmosphere here is something you'll want to cherish, to remember for the rest of your life." Yes, but will he spread his labour, providing the link between midfield and attack, being watchful and industrious when, for example, Demetrio Albertini breaks from the Italy midfield, *and* be able to soothe the errant Wright?

"If selected, I'll have enough to worry about myself," he said, "but the last thing you need is to be down to ten men. He [Hoddle] has talked about this and I am sure they'll be more to come. If you do go down to ten, they'll make it pay, passing the ball."

Yet there was not the element of fear, not yet. This is not a classic Italy team, even if under Cesare Maldini it has not yet conceded a goal in five World Cup qualifying matches. England, Sheringham reasoned, will need self-control in the extreme. "Georgia [away] was the most professional performance I have been involved in and it is going to be more demanding against the Italians because they have got a little bit more than Georgians," he said.

> 'The atmosphere here is something you will want to cherish for the rest of your life'

In the Roman court, the crossfire has begun. Paul Ince and Dino Baggio have exchanged threat and counterthreat in print. The English are searching for the Italian Achilles heel and vice versa. Both camps pretend everyone is as cool, as mature and as ready as Teddy Sheringham.

England have the benefit of points in the bag and Italy cannot get out of their mind the failure at the European championship or the judgment of Arrigo Sacchi, the coach, who lost his job. "Our concentration wasn't right and I did nothing to correct this," he said. "Our soccer was second to none, yet as far as our mental attitude goes, we were inferior." More of that in the Olympic Stadium tomorrow and England will be laughing.

MARC ASPLAND

Sheringham gave an insight into the methods used by international defenders in Rome yesterday

Camberley exceed all expectations in cups

Non-League Football

by Walter Gammie

OF THE surprise packages in the FA Cup so far this season, few clubs can have started out with such humble expectations as Camberley Town.

True, Camberley are in the Isthmian League, but their seventh place in the 17-team third division last season represented riches. They have scraped along in the league's lower reaches for season after season, punctuated with crises that would have forced many a less resilient club to give up altogether.

So, to have seen off Pagham, of the Sussex County League, and Banstead Athletic and Grays Athletic, of the Isthmian League second and first divisions, in three successive FA Cup ties is a triumph indeed. It is the first time since 1978 that Camberley have reached the third qualifying round. They have never been farther and on Sunday they travel to St Leonards Stamcroft, the Dr Martens League premier division club.

However, Camberley's cup credits this season do not end there. Last Saturday, they beat Portfield, of the Sussex County League, in the second qualifying round of the FA Carlsberg Vase and, most notably, they have also beaten Kingstonian, of the premier division, in the Isthmian League Cup.

Dave Slater, the Camberley secretary, said: "We get about 80 people to watch our matches, 20 or 30 brought by opposing teams, 20 or so officials and visiting officials, which leaves about 20 or 30 paying through the gate. Camberley isn't a big football town. It has a very active and successful rugby club that is just down the road from us. There is more of a rugby clientele in the area."

The club's only brush with fame was Rick Wakeman's spell as chairman. The mantle has now fallen on Ian Waldren, who runs a tree landscaping business. Bar takings and hiring out the clubhouse enable Camberley to meet the club's running costs. Players have been given nothing more than petrol expenses.

This might limit the ambitions of Danny McGranaghan, the manager, who is in his third season, but it has helped to generate a formidable spirit. "The players have all been very loyal to the club," Slater said. "There is a set of seven or eight of them who have been with us for five or six years. They meet each other socially. They are all friends."

A TIMES NEWSPAPERS COMPETITION

Changes at the top after Luxembourg race

With only two grands prix left in our Formula One competition the Luxembourg Grand Prix has produced two joint leaders in the race for our £25,000 prize. D Shepherd of Montrose, Angus (Raith Rovers FC) and A Wood of Bromley, Kent (Wood Racing), both scored 1,406 points to share the lead with 11,252 points each. M Price of Stafford (Mercury) wins a trip for two to next year's British GP. S Roberts of Hollywell, Flintshire (Marchandon) gets a Sony Playstation and CD-Rom game. They were selected at random from those managers who scored 1,504 points at Luxembourg. All four winners scored the maximum 600 bonus points available for that race.

Results of tomorrow's Japanese Grand Prix will appear next Friday.

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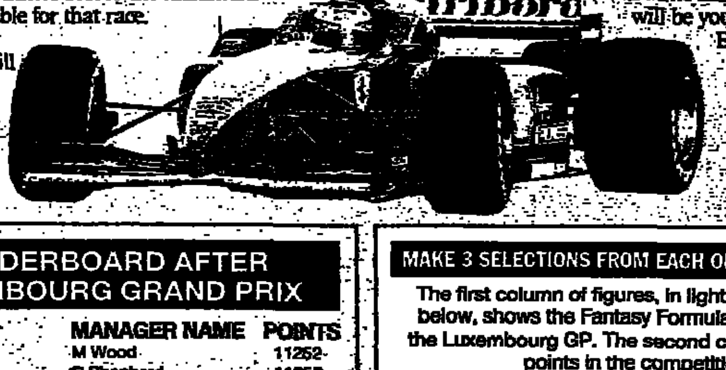

OUR LEADERBOARD AFTER THE LUXEMBOURG GRAND PRIX

POS	TEAM NAME	MANAGER NAME	POINTS
1	Wood Racing	M Wood	11252
1	Raith Rovers F C	D Shepherd	11252
3	Dow Jones 2	I Dowty	11229
4	Slickhead 3	A Bradley	11217
5	Mosulvia	J Madden	11206
6	Team UDO	P Walley	11141
7	Forza 27	M Joannides	11127
8	Spencers	W Jones	11006
8	Taz's Tornadoes	G Lewis	11006
10	Coolsport	D Coolican	10998
11	Slay 'em	A Sleigh	10980
12	The Tigglers	R Roberts	10958
12	Cathy's Clowns	Mrs C Robinson	10958
12	Bezzotti Racing	A Scott	10958
12	F1 Erb	S Erhorn	10958
16	Waite Racing F1	P Waite	10953
17	The White Knights	S Ram	10937
18	The Very Real Club	J Heighway	10935
18	Red Menace 1	M Power	10935
18	Mark's Maniacs	M Johnson	10935
18	Thompson Terrors	A Thompson	10935
18	Rufus II	S Daniels	10935
18	Bangers	R Mullen	10935
18	Mark's Wizards	Mrs H Evans	10935
18		A Pearce	10935
18	Stevie G1	S Georgiadis	10935
18	Adam's Autos	C Adams	10935
18	Harris Rule Racers	N Roberts	10935
18	GFB	A Gent	10935
18	Georgie	M Clark	10935
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DRIVERS GROUP A

01 D Hill	122	1112	07 M Hakkinen	63	1081
02 M Schumacher	14	1716	08 D Coulthard	53	1262
03 J Villeneuve	155	1638	09 R Barrichello	51	770
04 E Irvine	25	1241	10 H-H Frentzen	141	1410
05 J Alesi	158	1633	11 J Herbert	132	1316
06 G Berger	126	1375	12 M Salo	127	1183

DRIVERS GROUP B

13 O Panis*	126	1612	19 G Fisichella	13	1380
14 J Verstappen	40	959	20 S Nakano	16	1015
15 U Katayama	-9	854	21 G Morbidelli*	129	1387
16 P Diniz	138	865	22 T Marques*	0	828
17 R Rosset	0	0	23 J Magnussen	45	756
18 R Schumacher	9	1022	24 V Sospiri	0	0

CONSTRUCTORS GROUP C			CONSTRUCTORS GROUP D		
25 Williams	30	235	31 Arrows	22	-12
26 Ferrari	-20	220	32 Sauber	20	179
27 McLaren	-20	109	33 Tyrrell	7	-2
28 Benetton	25	272	34 Minardi	-20	28
29 Jordan	-20	127	35 Stewart	-20	-137
30 Prost	11	134	36 Lola	0	0

*Olivier Panis replaces Jarno Trulli in the Prost team. Tarso Marques replaces Trulli at Minardi and at Sauber Gianni Morbidelli, who originally replaced Nicola Larini, replaces Fontana

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CHANGING TIMES

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

MAJOR LEAGUE: Play-offs: National League: Atlanta 7 Florida 1 (best-of-seven series tied 1-1). American League: Baltimore 3 Cleveland 0 (Baltimore leads 1-0)

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CUP: Group A: Efes Pilsen (Tur) 81 Maccabi Tel Aviv 69. Group B: Estudiantes Madrid 77 Croatia Split 73. Group C: Pau-Orthez (Fr) 73 Hapoel Jerusalem 65. Group D: TeamSystem Bologna (It) 93 Racing Pangi (Fr) 77.

CRICKET

First Test match

Pakistan v South Africa

RAWALPINDI (fourth day of five): South Africa, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 97 runs behind Pakistan

PAKISTAN: First Innings 456 (Azhar Mahmood 128 not out, Ali Naqvi 115).

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings

G Kirsten c Ijaz b Saqlain	98
A M Bacher c Ramzan b Saqlain	50
J H Kallis lbw b Saqlain	61
D J Cullinan lbw b Saqlain	16
*W J Cronje c Ijaz b Azhar	24
B M McMillan c Ijaz b Saqlain	7
S M Pollock not out	35
†D J Richardson not out	30
Extras (b 13, lb 9, w 4, nb 12)	38
Total (6 wkts)	359

P L Symcox, A A Donald and B N Schultz to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-107, 2-221, 3-228, 4-249, 5-278, 6-282.

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 20-8-45-0; Azhar Mahmood 21-1-57-1; Mushtaq Ahmed 49.3-13-109-0; Saqlain Mushtaq 59-13-126-5.

Umpires: S Venkataraghavan (India) and Javed Akhtar (Pakistan).

CYCLING

SAN SEBASTIAN: World championships: Men: Time-trial (42km): 1, L Jalabert (Fr) 52min 01sec; 2, S Gontchar (Ukr) at 3sec; 3, C Boardman (GB) 20; 4, T Rominger (Switz) 24; 5, U Peschel (Ger) 45; 6, M Mauri (Sp) 46; 7, E Breukink (Holl) at 1min 27sec; 8, J Hall (Aus) 1:45; 9, Z Jaskula (Pol) 2:04; 10, J Dominguez (Sp) 2:14; 20, D Millar (GB) 3:50.

FOOTBALL

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Poland 2 Wales 2.

Wednesday's late results

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Kilmarnock 2 Motherwell 1

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Boston 3 Emley 2; Winsford 1 Runcorn 1. First division: Farsley Celtic 2 Whitley Bay 0; Lincoln 1 Belper Town 0; Whitby 5 Bradford PA 2.

DR MARTENS LEAGUE LEAGUE CUP: Preliminary round, first leg: Baldock 0 Hastings 1; Corby 1 Brackley 2; Fareham 1 Dorchester 4; Paget 2 Solihull 1; Raunds 6 Rothwell 1; Salisbury 2 Trowbridge 3. Postponed: Havant v Weymouth; St Leonard's Stamcroft v Erith and Belvedere.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Croydon 1 Romford 2. Third division: Tring 1 Wingate and Finchley 1.

FA CARLSBERG VASE: Second qualifying round replays: Consett 0 Marske 3; Rossington Main 6 Haslingden 0; Meir KA 2 Sandwell 5 (aet; 2-2 after 90min); Milton Keynes 5 Brimsdown 1.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Charlton 4 West Ham 0; Ipswich 2 Millwall 2; Southampton 0 Queens Park Rangers 0; Watford 2 Chelsea 2; Wimbledon 3 Swindon 0. Postponed: Portsmouth v Tottenham Hotspur.

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Aston Villa 0 Birmingham 0; Leeds 1 Sheffield Wednesday 0; Nottingham Forest 1 Liverpool 1; Tranmere 3 Preston 4. First division: Oldham 3 Bolton 2. Second division: Blackpool 1 Shrewsbury 1; Carlisle 0 Burnley 1; Sheffield Utd 2 Rochdale 3; Wrexham 1 Stockport 1; York 1 Bradford 1. Third division: Bury 0 Newcastle 1; Wigan 0 Scarborough 2. League Cup: Group two: Scunthorpe 1 Huddersfield 0.

INTERLINK EXPRESS ALLIANCE: Invitation Cup: Worcester 3 Boldmere Swifts 0.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Stowmarket v Histon.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: East Cowes 4 Wimborne 0; Romsey 2 Downton 2.

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Taunton 2 Bridport 1.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Eastbourne Town 0 Saltdean 4.

OTHER MATCH: Kidderminster 2 West Bromwich 3.

PRESS & JOURNAL HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Elgin 1 Cove 2; Nairn County 1 Fort William 2.

STAR LEINSTER SENIOR CUP: Second round: *Monaghan 4 St Francis 3 aet; 2-2 after 90 minutes*

FA YOUTH CUP: First qualifying round: Northwich 0 Notts County 5. Second qualifying round: Warrington 0 Hull 8; Bamber Bridge 4 Brigg 0; Bedworth 2 Halesowen Town 1; Cambridge City 2 Histon 3; Erith and Belvedere 3 Dartford 1; Staines 0 Walton and Hersham 0; Camberley 1 Sutton 1; Three Bridges 1 Dover 0.

FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: National division: Arsenal 1 Millwall 0

FRENCH LEAGUE: Bordeaux 3 Lens 0; Lyons 1 Montpellier 2; Metz 2 Le Havre 0; Paris Saint-Germain 4 Guingamp 2; Chateauroux 2 Strasbourg 0; Toulouse 1 Nantes 0; Rennes 0 Marseilles 2.

BELGIAN LEAGUE CUP: First round: Harelbeke 2 Charleroi 2 (Charleroi won 4-2 on pens).

SPANISH CUP: Second round, first leg: Numancia 2 Racing Santander 2; Osasuna 1 Sporting Gijón 1; Figueras 1 Español 1; Lleida 1 Real Zaragoza 1; Toledo 0 Salamanca 1; Rayo Vallecano 0 Extremadura 1; Hércules 0 Valencia 3; Novelda 1 Elche 0; Lorca 0 Albacete 2; Sóller 1 Mallorca 1; Xerez 0 Jaen 0; Isla Cristina 1 Recreativo 2; Orense 0 Celta Vigo 1; Alaves 1 Oviedo 0; Eibar 0 Compostela 0; Burgos 0 Real Sociedad 2

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Norway 0 Colombia 0 (in Oslo).

SCHOOLS MATCH: Fuji Film Trophy: Second round: South Tyneside 0 North Tyneside 0 (aet)

GOLF

BORDEAUX: Open Novotel Perrier pairs tournament: Leading first-round scores (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated): 64: J Remesy (Fr) and R Jacquelin (Fr), C Suneson (Sp) and P Linhart (Sp), J-L Guepy (Fr) and M Besanceney (Fr), I Garrido (Sp) and M Carrasco (Sp), S Luña (Sp) and J Rivero (Sp). 65: R Lee and M Davis, M Tunnicliff and J Robson, P Curry and A Sherborne, A Hunter and G Orr, J van de Velde (Fr) and B Lane, A Forsbrand (Swe) and M Jonzon (Swe). 66: D Howell and S Cage, P Hedblom (Swe) and P Sjoland (Swe), R McFarlane and D J Russell, M Farry (Fr) and M Roe, P Lawrie and R Drummond, J Spence and M Mouland. 67: I Pyman and D Carter, S Ballesteros (Sp) and J M Olazábal (Sp), P Baker and P Broadhurst. 68: M Harwood (Aus) and S Alker (NZ), S Richardson and R Willison, D Hospital (Sp) and F Roca (Sp), J Payne and P Price, T Gogele (Ger) and M Gronberg (Swe), W Westner (SA) and M Mackenzie. 69: W Riley (Aus) and C Mason, J Lomas and S Bottomley, A Cejka (Ger) and F Tarnaud (Fr).

HOCKEY

CAGLIARI: Mediterranean Cup: Portugal 5 Greece 0; Italy 16 Cyprus 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Detroit 3 Dallas 1; New York Islanders 3 Washington 6; Pittsburgh 0 Montreal 3; New Jersey 4 Philadelphia 1; Edmonton 3 New York Rangers 3 (OT); Phoenix 2 Boston 3 (OT).

CHALLENGE MATCH: Guildford 4 Basingstoke 8.

JUDO

PARIS: World championships: Finals: Men: Over 95kg: D Douillet (Fr) bt S Shinohara (Japan) disq. Under 95kg: P Natsula (Pol) bt A Miguel (Br) decision. Women: Over 72kg: C Cicot (Fr) bt M Ninomiya (Japan) ippon. 72kg: N Anno (Japan) bt D Luna (Cuba) yuko.

RUGBY UNION

ALLIED DUNBAR PREMIERSHIP: First division: Newcastle 37 Northampton 12; Saracens 15 Richmond 9.

CLUB MATCH: Oxford University 30 London Irish 18.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Daily Mail Under-18 Cup: Portsmouth GS 3 St George's, Weybridge 5; Prior Park Coll 22 Dauntseys 14; Reigate GS 41 Gravesend GS 0; RGS High Wycombe 13 Windsor 8. County matches: Under-18: Derbyshire 16 Nottinghamshire 12. Under-16: Nottinghamshire 22 Derbyshire 0. Other matches: Denstone 58 Birkdale 26; Dulwich 37 Christ's Hospital 3; Latymer Upper 11 St Paul's 8.

SAILING

WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACE: First leg (Southampton to Cape Town): Positions (at 12.00GMT yesterday, with miles to Cape Town): 1, Innovation Kvaerner (Nor) 3,291.4 miles to finish; 2, Merit Cup (Monaco) at 18.2 miles; 3, EF Language (Swe) 28.5; 4, Silk Cut (GB) 144; 5, Chessie Racing (US) 168.7; 6, Toshiba (US) 336; 7, America's Challenge (US) 371.4; 8, Swedish Match (Swe) 405.8; 9, EF Education (Swe) 580.2; 10, BrunelSunergy (Holl) 595.3.

HAMILTON, Bermuda: Bermuda Gold Cup: First day: R Coutts (NZ) bt J Burnham (US) 3-0; P Gilmour (Aus) bt A Arbuzov (Russ) 3-0; P Bromby (Berm) bt J Schumann (Ger) 3-0; G Brady (HK) bt A *Beadsworth (GB) 3-0; M Holmberg (Swe) bt* A Barboza (Berm) 3-0; P Holmberg (Virgin Is) bt N Cochrane (Can) 3-0; E Baird (US) bt A Green (GB) 3-2; M Jones (NZ) bt L Pillot (Fr) 3-1.

SWIMMING

BRISBANE: Australian championships: 100m butterfly: M Klim 52.15sec (world record).

TENNIS

VIENNA: Men's tournament: First round: C Woodruff (US) bt M Philippoussis (Aus) 6-4, 6-4. Second round: M Larsson (Swe) bt T Enqvist (Swe) 7-5, 6-4; R Krajicek (Holl) bt A Clement (Fr) 3-6, 6-4, 6-2; T Henman (GB) bt J Apell (Swe) 6-3, 6-3; K Kucera (Slovakia) bt T Haas (Ger) 6-1, 6-3; T Martin (US) bt T Muster (Austria) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

SINGAPORE: Men's tournament: Second round: *T Johansson (Swe) bt M Ondruska (SA) 6-4, 6-4; J Stark (US) bt J Novak (Cz) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3;* M Gustafsson (Swe) bt M Sinner (Ger) 6-7, 6-4, 3-6; J Courier (US) bt M Tebbutt (Aus) 6-4, 7-6.

FILDERSTADT: Women's tournament: First round: M Maleeva (Bul) bt A-G Sidot (Fr) 6-7, 6-4, 6-3. Second round: L Raymond (US) bt J Novotna (Cz) 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt L Davenport (US) 6-4, 7-6; I Spirlea (Rom) bt K Habsudova (Slovakia) 6-2, 6-0; N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt M J Fernandez (US) 6-2, 0-6, 6-3; A Coetzer (SA) bt A Kournikova (Russ) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; Maleeva bt R Grande (It) 6-2, 6-3.

BIRKENHEAD: Men's satellite tournament (Great Britain unless stated): Quarter-finals: A Popp (Ger) wo D Sapsford; B Cowan bt N Watts 6-3, 6-2; A Parmar bt M Lee 6-0, 7-6; G Elseneer (Bel) bt N Weal 3-6, 6-1, 7-6. Semi-finals: Cowan bt Popp 6-3, 6-4; Elseneer bt Parmar 4-6, 7-6, 7-6.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

European under-21 championship

Qualifying group two

Italy v England (in Rieti, 7.45)

Qualifying group four

Scotland v Latvia (in Livingston, 2.0)

Group seven

Belgium v Wales (in Mouscron, 7.0)

Group eight

Ireland v Romania (at United Park, Drogheda)

FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Shamrock v Derry.

PRESS & JOURNAL HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Buckie Thistle v Forres Mechanics; Clachnacuddin v Rothes (8.0)

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Kidsgrove v Darwen; Maine Road v Prescot Cables.

FA CUP: Third qualifying round: Staines v Barking.

FA YOUTH CUP: Second qualifying round: *Burgess Hill v Chipstead.*

RUGBY LEAGUE

World club championship. Semi-final

Brisbane v Auckland (10.30am)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Newcastle v Sheffield (7.30)

GOLF: World Match Play Championship (at Wentworth).

SPEEDWAY: Craven Shield: First round: Belle Vue v Swindon (7.30). Young Shield: First round: Arena Essex v Long Eaton (8.0). Amateur League: Oxford v Exeter and Newport (7.30). Individual: Neil Hewitt Benefit (in Edinburgh, 7.30).

RACING RESULTS

Exeter

Going: good

2.20 (2m 3f hdle) 1, Kerrieleigh Boy (T O'Connor, 5-4 fav); 2, Coeur Battant (16-1); 3, Its Unbelievable (9-2). 4 ran. NR: Astrolabe. 4l, 29l. R Frost. Tote: £2.20. DF: £11.00. CSF: £12.28.

2.50 (2m 3f hdle) 1, Lombardic (C Llewellyn, 2-7 fav); 2, Bet Wiltshire (33-1); 3, Antigua's Treasure (20-1). 6 ran. 1¾l, 9l. J Old. Tote: £1.20; £1.10, £3.90. DF: £4.70. CSF: £10.89.

3.20 (2m 6f 110yd ch) 1, Mutual Agreement (T J Murphy, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Bowden Surprise (5-1); 3, Kipperour (7-2). Primitive Streak 9-4 jt-fav. 6 ran. 1¼l, 12l. P Nicholls. Tote: £3.10; £1.70, £1.90. DF: £6.30. CSF: £11.68.

3.50 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, He Knows The Rules (B Powell, 15-8 fav); 2, Hendeon (11-4); 3, Nordanek (7-2). 7 ran. 4l, 11l. R Buckler. Tote: £2.20; £1.80, £2.00. DF: £3.90. CSF: £6.53.

4.20 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Bergin Boy (C Maude, 25-1); 2, Indian Temple (10-11 fav); 3, For Justin (5-1). 6 ran. 2½l, 8l. P Ritchens. Tote: £38.30; £4.60, £1.10. DF: £21.80. CSF: £45.87.

4.50 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Delos (D Byrne, 9-4); 2, Woodstock Wanderer (5-1); 3, Steer Point (5-6 fav). 4 ran. NR: Fencer's Quest. 5l, 6l. Mrs M Jones. Tote: £3.10. DF: £6.60. CSF: £11.13.

Placepot: £105.60. Quadpot: £17.10.

Ludlow

Going: good to firm, firm in places

2.10 (2m hdle) 1, Miss Ondee (A P McCoy, 4-11 fav); 2, Misty Cay (6-1); 3, Silver Secret (14-1). 6 ran. 2½l, 11l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £2.00. DF: £2.60. CSF: £3.03.

2.40 (2m 4f ch) 1, Saxon Mead (R Dunwoody, 13-8 fav); 2, Wixoe Wonder (8-1); 3, Have A Brandy (5-2). 6 ran. 4l, 15l. P Hobbs. Tote: £2.30; £1.20, £2.30. DF: £11.90. CSF: £10.25.

3.10 (3m 2f 110yd hdle) 1, Gysart (A P McCoy, 11-10 fav); 2, Name Of Our Father (13-8); 3, Thirty Below (16-1). 5 ran. 1½l, 14l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.40; £1.30, £1.20. DF: £1.20. CSF: £2.90.

3.40 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Dauphin Bleu (Miss V Roberts, 4-1); 2, Edward Seymour (7-2); 3, Killing Time (9-2). Big Pat 2-1 fav. 7 ran. 24l, 3½l. J Bradley. Tote: £6.90; £2.40, £2.40. DF: £15.80. CSF: £18.40.

4.10 (3m ch) 1, Commanche Creek (A P McCoy, 2-9 fav); 2, Golden Drum (7-1). 3 ran. NR: Gower-Slave. 1l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.20. DF: £2.00. CSF: £2.01.

4.40 (2m hdle) 1, Noble Tom (A Maguire, 8-11 fav); 2, Down The Yard (4-1); 3, Daunt (2-1). 6 ran. NR: Pinley Titania, White Plume. ¾l, 24l. P Eccles. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £1.70. DF: £2.00. CSF: £4.61.

Placepot: £14.60. Quadpot: £4.40.

☐ Heavy rain caused yesterday's meeting at York to be called off. However, the track's office manager, Phillip Smedley, remains hopeful that tomorrow's valuable meeting will go ahead. He said: "It is only drizzling now and should improve."

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TENNIS

Henman steers clear of calamity

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
IN VIENNA

THE best thing about Tim Henman's performance in defeating Jan Apell here yesterday was that he came through in straight sets. Apell, of Sweden, presented the sort of obstacle that has previously upended the Great Britain No 2 like a crudely outstretched foot. In that context, Henman's 6-3, 6-3 triumph in the second round of the CA Trophy was as welcome as it was ultimately secure.

Although his opponent rarely threatened, Henman performed a few notches below the standard that he raised in dismissing Felix Mantilla, the No 7 seed, 24 hours earlier. Henman is vulnerable when confronted by a player with nothing to lose and Apell, world ranked No 727 after 13 months on the sidelines with shoulder injuries, certainly fitted that category.

Nevertheless, after his dismissal of Mantilla, this was progress of a sort if measured against Henman's hangover-style performances in the wake of some notable victories. He succumbed tamely in the Wimbledon quarter-finals after routing Richard Krajicek, the defending champion. He was then felled by Wayne Ferreira after sinking Thomas Muster, seeded No 6, in the US Open. In between, he had capitulated to Laurent Leblanc, the world No 885, in a tournament in Canada.

The portents were ominous, therefore. Apell's opening-round defeat of Jan Siemerink, the beaten finalist here last year, offered him plenty of encouragement going into the contest. Indeed, it was he who fashioned the first break point midway through the opening set, prompting Henman to ace his way out of danger. As if stung by the threat, Henman captured Apell's next service game before closing out the set with an emphatic overhead smash. The act marked an inappropriate conclusion to a set that could have gone either way.

As with his joust against Mantilla, Henman broke his opponent early in the second set before immediately squandering the advantage. However, Apell's lack of match practice eventually engulfed him and a pair of double faults handed Henman the initiative at 3-2. With unforced errors now flowing liberally from the Swede's racket, particularly on the forehand wing, Henman was able to coast home in 74 minutes. He now meets Karol Kucera, of Slovakia, whom he beat for the loss of five games in Basle last week, for a place in the semi-finals.

Henman later maintained that he was always in control. "This was a good opportunity and I wasn't going to waste it," he said. "He [Apell] was entitled to have his chances, but I felt very comfortable. I thought it was another good performance; fairly straightforward on a fast indoor court."

If Henman retains plenty of scope to improve his powers of concentration, he has taken further steps to refine his physique. He has recruited Tim Newenham, with whom he has occasionally worked in the past, to a full-time post as his personal fitness trainer. Previously employed in a similar capacity at the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), Newenham, 37, is to travel with Henman in an effort to increase his bulk, strength and overall fitness.

Newenham competed in the Commonwealth Games and went on to coach the British javelin squad before joining the LTA two years ago. He believes that Henman, 23, is capable of considerable physical development. "Tim is deceptively strong for his size, but he is definitely young enough to put on bulk," Newenham said.

"Among other things, we are working on cutting down his recovery time between matches. It will require quite a lot of intense work with the medicine ball, weight-training and sprinting exercises — all adapted for the demands of tennis."

The programme is designed to reach fruition when Henman commences his 1998 campaign in Doha in January. Henman is 6ft 1in, but weighs little more than 11st. He is to increase his calorie intake as part of a diet requiring him to eat the equivalent of four meals a day. "Everything is in balance at the moment," Newenham said, "but by eating more, you have more to work with."

Meanwhile, Greg Rusedski, the Britain No 1, was due on court last night to face Magnus Norman for a place in the quarter-finals. Should the two Britons advance to the semi-finals, they will confront each other.

MICHAEL LECKEL

Henman drills his backhand yesterday during a victory over Apell that takes him through to the quarter-finals of the Vienna indoor tournament

JUDO

Douillet delights the home support

FROM JOHN GOODBODY
IN PARIS

THE French were in raptures last night as David Douillet took his third successive heavyweight title when the world championships began here at the Stade de Bercy.

Douillet, who is also the Olympic title-holder, has now emulated the feat of Yasuhiro Yamashita, of Japan, who is the only other male fighter to have won three titles in this category.

Douillet beat Shini Shinohara, the outstanding Japanese, in the final — although French delight was tempered by the unsatisfactory manner of victory. The Japanese received four penalty points for passivity and the Frenchman himself received two and was probably about to get a third.

Douillet had damaged his left shoulder early in the day. He did well to defeat Pan Song, of China, larger even than Douillet, who is 6ft 6in and weighs 20st 12lb, and then the shaven-headed Turk, Selim Tataroglu. Tataroglu is the reigning European champion, but he was unable to stop the sweeping leg techniques of Douillet, who three times bowled over his opponent.

Michelle Rogers, from Salford, was the most consistent of the British competitors. As she weighs less than 12 stone in a heavyweight class where she often has to fight opponents who outweigh her by more than three stone, she can be excused for failing to get a medal.

Although losing to Dina Beltran, of Cuba, on a hold down, she came bravely back through the repechage, outwitting Sandra Koeppen, of Germany, who conceded a series of penalty points for passivity.

However, in the bout for the bronze medal, she met Sun Fuming, who narrowly beat Rogers on her way to taking the Olympic title in Atlanta. Sun, ponderous but stable and exceptionally cunning, forced the Briton on the defensive, while occasionally producing her own deliberate attacks. Rogers was given two passivity points and then, when she tried to escalate the tempo of the contest, was cleanly thrown by the Chinese girl.

Britain's two inexperienced light-heavyweights, Chloe Cowan, from Tyne and Wear, and Keith Davis, from London, had early defeats.

RUGBY UNION: BATH PUT ENGLAND WING UP FOR SALE MIDWAY THROUGH CONTRACT

Sleightholme left out in cold

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ALTHOUGH Bath will not confirm their XV to play Pontypridd in a crucial Heineken Cup match tomorrow until a few hours before kick-off, there is the intriguing possibility of Jon Sleightholme parading his wares on the wing to potential buyers. The England wing has been told that he has no long-term future at Bath and must now take whatever opportunities he can to set out his stall.

Sleightholme, 25 and capped in 12 successive internationals before losing his place for the match against Australia in July, still has 18 months of a three-year contract to run, but his development has not persuaded Bath to keep him when they might reasonably hope for a six-figure transfer fee. If he is to revive his international career, Sleightholme needs regular first-team play.

Even though Clive Woodward, who watched Newcastle's five-try dismissal of Northampton on Wednesday, acknowledges that there is a shortage of top-class wings in England, the England coach still omitted Sleightholme from his elite squad. For their part, Bath are still looking overseas: they have three international wings — Adedayo Adebayo, Ieuan Evans and Simon Geoghegan — on their books (though the playing future of the last of those must be in doubt because of his persistent foot injury) and they hope to add Brian Lima, the Western Samoa wing, to their stable next year.

Bath, with Richmond, are also contemplating the loss of their Argentina internationals when the Allied Dunbar Premiership resumes on October 18. Germán Llanes will be a replacement against Pontypridd and Federico Méndez, after recovering from a shoulder injury, will play in Bath's second XV tomorrow.

"There is a degree of flexibility between us and the players," Andy Robinson, the Bath director of rugby, said. "A lot depends upon the club's needs." John Kingston, the Richmond director of rugby, admits that clubs employing overseas players will need to make provision for their national requirements, as opposed to five nations' players, where Kingston expects greater uniformity of fixture-making.

English rugby is set to return to terrestrial television with an hour-long programme of highlights from the Allied Dunbar Premiership on Channel 5. Chrysalis, the production company that bought the rights from BSkyB, hopes the first show will go out on October 26.

"I would never stop players appearing for their country," Kingston said. There is a strong possibility that the club's requirements on October 18 against Harlequins will come first, when Argentina are scheduled to play Romania, probably the weakest opponents in a tournament that also involves France, who earlier this week picked three English-based players in their squad, and Italy.

The Quinnell brothers from Richmond, Scott and Craig, have been named in the Wales squad from which the teams to play Tonga on November 25 and New Zealand four days later will be selected. Scott Quinnell showed his recovery from a groin injury during his club's 15-9 defeat by Saracens on Wednesday night, while Richmond and the Welsh Rugby Union hope that differences that have existed over training schedules have been resolved.

Ieuan Evans, who has been struggling with a groin injury, has been omitted from the squad, although Kevin Bowring, the Wales coach, emphasised that fitness rather than form was the criteria. The same is true of the injured Llanelli pair, Wayne Proctor and Nigel Davies.

WALES SQUAD: Backs: M Back (Swansea), G Evans (Llanelli), N Walker (Cardiff), G Thomas (Bridgend), D James (Pontypridd), A Bateman (Richmond), S Gibbs (Swansea), L Davies (Cardiff), N Boobyer (Llanelli), A Thomas (Swansea), N Jenkins (Pontypridd), B Hayward (Ebbw Vale), R Howley (Cardiff), P John (Pontypridd), A Moore (Richmond) Forwards: C Loader (Swansea), I Buckett (Swansea), A Lewis (Cardiff), D Young (Cardiff), L Mustoe (Cardiff), B Williams (Richmond), J Humphreys (Cardiff), R McBryde (Llanelli), G Jenkins (Swansea), Gareth Llewellyn (Harlequins), M Voyle (Llanelli), M Rowley (Pontypridd), C Quinnell (Richmond), C Stephens (Bridgend), S Moore (Moseley), S Williams (Cardiff), M Spiller (Pontypridd), G Jones (Cardiff), R Appleyard (Swansea), S Quinnell (Richmond), C Wyatt (Llanelli).

HOCKEY

Conway makes timely return

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

NICK CONWAY, who had been coaching in the United States during the summer, has rejoined Teddington as premier division clubs face a double bill in the National League this weekend. Teddington have tough away matches, against Hounslow tomorrow and Southgate on Sunday, and Conway's return is timely. He replaces Hauck, who is not available, in support of Billson and Wiles in the front line.

Hounslow, having started with a 3-2 away victory against Guildford last week, have called on Lanoe, an England Under-18 player, to stabilise their defence. Owen Jones, who was injured last week, is out of action and Kirkland is still unavailable. However, Hounslow have Gillmon, Whalley and Liddar, their fast front-runners, available.

Kalbir Takher, who injured an ankle during training and took no part in Cannock's 2-1 victory last week against Old Loughtonians, is expected to be out of action for the next two weeks.

Despite the absence of the injured Parnham and Johnson, who is being rested after the junior World Cup, Cannock claim to be well covered for their visit to Beeston and the home match on Sunday against Doncaster.

East Grinstead, who entertain Southgate and face an away match against Hounslow, are at full strength, with Gibson and Bhatti in attack supported by McConnell and Ortleib, the South Africans. Reading, the title-holders, expect to have Pearn, the England Under-21 centre forward, back in the squad.

Reading have recruited Tobin Seagal, a goalkeeper, from Canada. John MacKinon, another Canada international, has joined Old Loughtonians.

Welsh pursue entry

ANNE ELLIS, the president of the Welsh Hockey Union, is nothing if not persistent (Cathy Harris writes). After the union's request for the top Welsh women's clubs to be admitted to the English national league was rejected last season, she says that she intends to raise the subject again.

The concept has already proved successful for the men's teams from Whitchurch and Swansea, which compete in the premier division of the West of England League. If it works for the men, Ellis argues, it can work for the women. The English Hockey Association has said that although it would pose logistical problems, another application would be carefully considered.

Ellis, a former Great Britain captain and coach, is dedicated to arresting Wales's plummeting world ranking as well as seeing more players represent Britain. "If we aren't in a competitive situation, we'll never make it," she said. "Our players have to be tested every week, not two or three times a season."

COMMONWEALTH GAMES DRAW: Women: Pool A: Australia, India, Jamaica, Scotland, Malaysia, Zimbabwe Pool B: England, Wales, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada, Singapore

RUGBY LEAGUE

Lowe resumes in management role

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THERE were times during Great Britain's ill-starred tour of New Zealand last year when Phil Lowe must have felt like resigning from the manager's job, but his reappointment for the three-match British Gas series against the Australian Super League team next month came as no surprise.

Lowe, 47, has a new coaching team in Andy Goodway, Shaun McRae and Daryl Powell. Alongside Phil Larder, Goodway's predecessor as head coach, Lowe's man-management skills helped foster a young, committed team in New Zealand, a team that was badly let down by the decision of the Rugby Football League (RFL) to recall home a dozen players early in the tour. Lowe was bitterly critical of the RFL's stance, but the challenge of beating Australia in a series, beyond him in his international playing days, has lured the Hull Kingston Rovers director into one more effort.

"I expect there will be some new faces in the squad this time, but, given my experience in managing international teams, I should be able to help them blend into the squad. I believe we can select a Test team capable of beating Australia," Lowe said.

"Nobody can deny that we lack the depth of players available to the Aussies, but if we dedicate ourselves to the task, then we can go all the way. I worked with Andy Goodway when he was Phil Larder's assistant during the 1995 World Cup and I have great respect for his ability."

If Britain have an advantage, it is that a large part of the Australia side will be occupied with the world club championship up until two weeks before the first international, at Wembley on November 1. Denis Betts, whose last appearance it will be for Auckland Warriors should they lose their semi-final at Brisbane Broncos today, is Britain's only player still involved in the tournament.

With injuries to Shaun Edwards and Tony Smith and the likely exclusion of Gary Connolly and Jason Robinson by the Australian Rugby League, Britain — and Wigan Warriors, next season — need Betts back fit and early.

Leader of the pack: Lord Archer polishes his break-building skills yesterday

Archer reveals fondness for reds

Phil Yates on a novel appointment that should raise the profile of snooker

LORD ARCHER of Weston-super-Mare took a break from Blackpool yesterday to take his bow as the president of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA). Like his party, he said, the sport has "a great future".

The former deputy chairman of the Conservative Party and best-selling author sees his primary function as promoting a sport that, despite television viewing figures that are the envy of many rivals, has often been ignored in terms of sponsorship.

A keen follower of the game since he first played on a full-sized table at the Weston-super-Mare YMCA as a schoolboy, he hopes that his appointment will cause other high-profile figures to "come out from under the floorboards and admit they love watching snooker as well".

Lord Archer, who highest break is a modest 32, said at the House of Commons: "What we have got to get over is that here we have a good, clean sport which can be tremendously exciting, in which great sportsmanship is always displayed and which has, in my opinion, enormous potential for sponsorship."

Snooker's hierarchy is concerned over the recent unveiling of Government plans to ban tobacco sponsorship, but, without getting drawn into the debate, Lord Archer maintained that all existing contracts with principal sponsors, such as Embassy, Regal and Benson and Hedges, should be honoured as they had been signed in good faith.

He becomes the first recognised snooker outsider to be appointed WPBSA president.

BOXING

Hamed must forget unification of title

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

NASEEM HAMED has had to abandon all hopes of unifying the world featherweight championship. Instead, he is to concentrate on making a name for himself in the United States.

Frank Warren, his promoter, said yesterday that, after months of negotiations with the managers of Wilfredo Vasquez, the World Boxing Association champion, and Luisito Espinosa, who holds the World Boxing Council belt, he had begun to despair of ever making the matches.

"All I'm looking for now is big fights," Warren said. "I'm in the Naseem Hamed business. He is as important to me as Mike Tyson is to Don King." The promoter is at present having talks with Home Box Office, a leading American cable television company, to sign a package for Hamed to box in the United States, but, he said, there was no question of Hamed training permanently there, as has been suggested.

"If a deal was concluded," Warren said, "he will only go there to train just before fights. The British public has always been behind him and he's not going to turn his back on them."

Hamed, who defends his World Boxing Organisation title against José Badillo, of Puerto Rico, at Sheffield tomorrow, met the challenger yesterday. Badillo is a late replacement and an improvement on the original choice, Victor Llerena, of Colombia.

Typically, Hamed said that the change of opponent would have little effect on the outcome of the bout. Hamed was certain that Badillo would fall in the third round, just as he had said the other man would. "I already said six weeks ago the fight would end in the third round and, regardless [of the opponent], I don't change.

Warren said: "This is a better fighter than the other guy. This man is ranked in the top three of all the other world organisations. I brought him in because they are looking for a quality fight."

Thanks to the change of opponent, Hamed can now expect to upstage Chris Eubank, his rival showman, who appears on the same card against Joe Calzaghe.

CRICKET

Saqlain's efforts fall short

THE first Test between Pakistan and South Africa in Rawalpindi seems certain to end in a draw after the touring team moved to 359 for six by the end of the fourth day, in reply to Pakistan's first-innings total of 456.

Resuming on 139 for one, South Africa struggled for runs against the off spin of Saqlain Mushtaq, who has taken five for 126 from 59 overs, including an unchanged 33-over spell from half an hour before lunch until the close. It is the second time that Saqlain has taken five wickets in an innings and took his tally to 43 wickets in ten Test matches.

Saqlain seemed to have reached a landmark when he had Dave Richardson stumped, but it was ruled a no-ball. Richardson, who was on three, went on to make 30 not out. Any slight hopes that Pakistan had of establishing a winning position disappeared with an unfinished seventh-wicket partnership of 77 between Richardson and Shaun Pollock, who finished on 35 not out.

Earlier, Gary Kirsten, the South Africa vice-captain, had scored a painstaking 98 before falling to Saqlain, caught at second slip by Ijaz. The innings was in total contrast to the World Cup record score of 188 that he made on the same ground last year. He batted for 427 minutes, faced 344 balls and scored only seven boundaries, but was involved in two match-saving partnerships.

☐ Carl Hooper, the West Indies all-rounder, will be returning to Kent as their overseas player next summer, having missed last season because of international commitments. His decision means that Kent will have to dispense with the services of Paul Strang, the Zimbabwe leg spinner.

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MOTOR RACING: SCHUMACHER WAITS TO POUNCE ON ANY MISTAKE IN GRAND PRIX

Villeneuve tries to dispel doubts

FROM MICHAEL CALVIN
IN SUZUKA

Villeneuve and Schumacher succumb to requests to shake hands at the hollow press conference yesterday

MIND games were on the agenda in the suitably surreal playground of Suzuka yesterday afternoon. Jacques Villeneuve prepared by playing Dungeons & Dragons, the labyrinth of lateral thinking that has become his favourite computer game. Michael Schumacher trained his brain by playing poker for three days in a Tokyo hotel.

Personalities are routinely distorted in Formula One's phoney war, during which any hint of hesitancy assumes inordinate importance. As the drivers sat next to each other, delivering a succession of inanities that purported to be a reasoned commentary on their duel for the world championship, they were notably ill at ease.

Schumacher offered little more than his name, rank and chassis number. Villeneuve, who needs only to finish ahead of him in the Japanese Grand Prix on Sunday to win the title, responded with uncharacteristic venom. "What do you want me to do, kiss him?" he exclaimed when photographers implored them to shake hands. Schumacher smirked, evidently heartened by his rival's discomfort.

The conspiracy theorists have been quick to suggest that the German will indulge his ruthless streak here, in the self-proclaimed Wonderland of Sport. Damon Hill, who won his title at Suzuka last season, amplified the debate by triggering memories of the collision at Adelaide, which allowed Schumacher to rob him of the championship in 1994.

"Michael has nothing to lose," he said. "He'll try anything to prevent Jacques winning the title here. He has to do one of his specials." He paused, smiled mischievously and refused to elaborate.

Schumacher, nine points behind the Canadian with only two races left, will only profit from another convenient coming together with his principal rival if his Ferrari survives unscathed. The precedents are compelling — both Alain Prost and Ayrton Senna were crowned as world champion after collisions at Suzuka — but the real significance of the stage whispers lies in the seeds of doubt they plant in Villeneuve's mind.

"I hope it doesn't come to that," Villeneuve said, when he was asked to contemplate the apparently unthinkable calamity of being shunted into a gravel trap. "Michael seems to be pretty straightforward and it would be a shame if that happened. We will have to wait and see, but it has happened many times in the past, to many different drivers.

"It kinda passes as normality in Formula One. After working so hard for a full season, it is an easy thing to do. The higher the stakes, the less you feel about doing something like that, I guess. My battles with him were fair last season, but we were not fighting for the championship."

The cynics suggest that he may have more to fear from the fraternal loyalty of Ralf Schumacher. He has been Michael's poker partner this week and claims he has no need to atone for his involvement in the first-corner accident at the Nürburgring that crippled his brother's Ferrari and swung the championship in Villeneuve's favour.

"It was a real shame that such a thing happened between us," he said. "It wasn't 100 per cent my fault. These things happen and they can't be changed. From the family's point of view, obviously I hope Michael will still win the championship, but, realistically, it will be very difficult for him to turn things around."

Villeneuve is as well-prepared, physically, as he has ever been. He has spent the summer working with Irwin Göllner, the fitness coach who helped Hill to the title. Ironically, his strength of will is likely to be more decisive. He must be self-contained, blind to any diversionary tactics.

"There is no point me trying to get into Michael's mind," he said. "It is better to know nothing about him, because my impression could easily be a false impression. I have to concentrate on my own game. Many things happen too quickly in this game and you have to be ready to react."

Hill put the challenge confronting his erstwhile teammate into the correct context. "Jacques will find it extremely difficult to live with himself if he fails to win the championship now," he said. "Michael has the experience of winning two titles. He will not be fazed by the occasion. Jacques may be a little too eager."

Villeneuve, infinitely more relaxed in an informal setting rather than a gladiatorial, set-piece press conference, is a realist. "The pressure on me this year is different," he said. "Last year, I could win it. This year, I can lose it and I know how bad that will feel.

"I can't tell you how or why, but I do know I have improved this season. It's a subtle process, but the chemistry is right. I really don't know how Michael does his job and I don't really care. I feel I can beat him anyway. I've evolved, learnt from my mistakes. The best thing you can be in this situation is yourself."

Unfortunately, that is not easy. The world is ready to rush, to make superficial judgments about Villeneuve's talent and character. Michael Schumacher is waiting and watching.

HOW VILLENEUVE AND SCHUMACHER MEASURE UP

Nationality: Canadian
Age: 26
Car: Williams-Renault
Races: 30
Pole positions: 11
Wins: 11
This season: 7 wins
Current position: 1st, 77pts
Titles: IndyCar champion 1995

Nationality: German
Age: 28
Car: Ferrari
Races: 100
Pole positions: 17
Wins: 26
This season: 4 wins
Current position: 2nd, 68pts
Titles: Formula One world champion 1994, 1995

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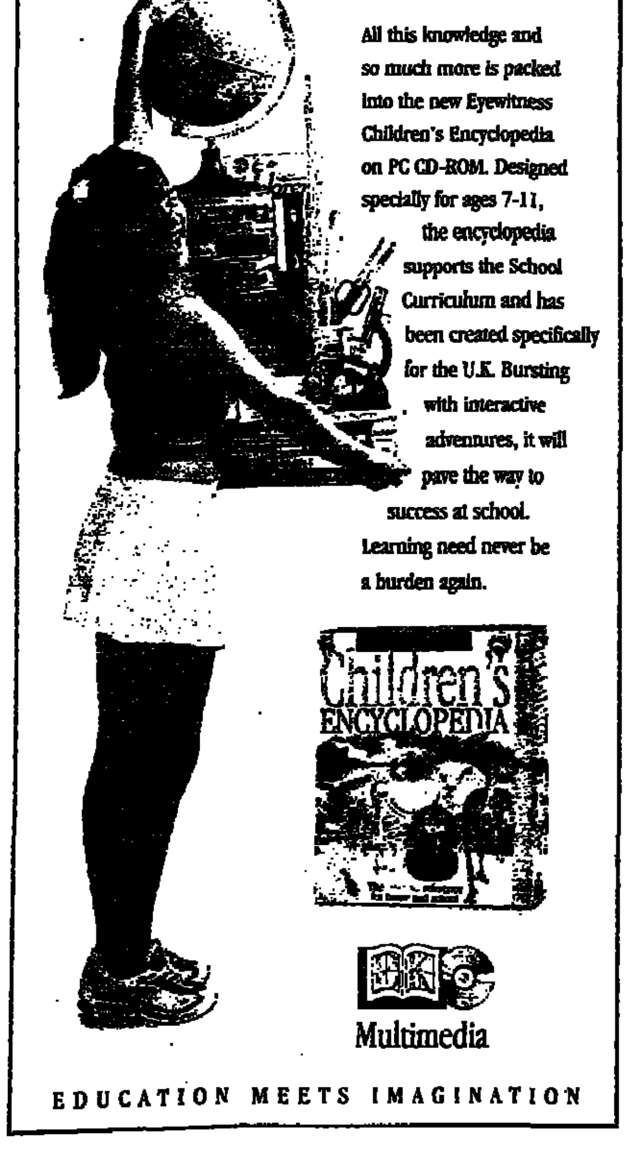

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EDUCATION MEETS IMAGINATION

ICE HOCKEY

Nottingham prepare for Scots' challenge

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

THE Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-finals will be played during the next week over two legs, with three first-leg games taking place tomorrow. Results so far have shown that the eight Superleague teams are closely matched and it should mean close contests to decide the semi-finalists.

Ayr Scottish Eagles and Nottingham Panthers staged an epic play-off semi-final last March and players from both sides will be hoping that a result can be achieved this time without prolonged overtime, as was the case then. In a recent league match in Nottingham, the Panthers beat the Eagles 1-0 and, with the quality of goaltending higher than ever, another low-scoring contest is likely.

Basingstoke Bison, who finished bottom last season, have a tough task at the Newcastle Cobras, whose goaltender, Stephen Foster, has been difficult to beat. In the third tie, Bracknell Bees have the misfortune to face the most improved team in the competition, Manchester Storm, who finished top of their qualifying group, suffering only one defeat in the process, at Ayr. They should prove too strong for the Bees.

The fourth tie, between Cardiff Devils and Sheffield Steelers, will be played next Friday and Saturday, because the Sheffield Arena is not available tomorrow.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 43

HALIOTIS
(b) A genus of univalve sea shells, the "Ear Shells". The tropical species are an important source of mother of pearl. One species is found as far north as Guernsey. *The Oxford Gazette*, 1931: "Toe bone with carved face and haliotis eyes."

GLACON
(c) A medium-sized ice floe. *The Geographical Journal*, 1933: "Drift ice was pretty thick and we were constantly under helm to avoid the 'pans' as the seamen and fishermen call them, or 'glacons', which I believe is the scientific term."

GRAVETTE
(a) A long, narrow flint shaped like a knife of Upper Palaeolithic date. It has a shasrp cutting edge and a blunted back. *A Million Years of Man*, 1963: "One of the uses of their gravettes was to decorate the ivory of the slaughtered mammoths."

HAMBERGITE
(a) A basic borate of beryllium, $Be^2(OH)BO^3$. It occurs as colourless orthorhombic crystals that have a strong double refraction. It was discovered by A. Hamberg in 1889 and takes its eponym from him. It was originally found in Norway, though not of gem quality. More recently discovered in central Madagascar.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Rxf7+! Bxf7 2 Ne6+ Ke8 (2 ... Kg8 3 Qg7 mate) 3 Nc7+ and the black queen is lost.

BOWLS

Worldwide tour set for take-off

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

BOWLS takes another step towards full professionalism on Sunday, when the Bupa Care Homes Open gets underway at the Preston Guild Hall under the control, for the first time, of the newly-formed World Bowls Tour (WBT).

The tour is an amalgam of players and officials, with full representatives from the Professional Bowls Association (PBA) on the board, together with two each from the sport's governing bodies, the World Bowls Board and the World Indoor Bowls Council. The tour has appointed Gordon Dunwoodie as tournament director and hopes to do for bowls what the European Tour has done for golf, with events all over the world.

For the first time, too, the PBA has been allowed to provide qualifiers for a televised event and it will be interesting to see how the new professionals Billy Mellors, George Sneddon, Les Gillett and Nigel Williams measure up to the standards set by players such as Hugh Duff, Andy Thomson, Richard Coursie and Tony Allcock.

The PBA has opened its doors to women, but in the absence of any female qualifiers, four have been invited, attracting some criticism. Margaret Johnston, the world's best woman bowler, has been drawn to play the No 2 seed, Andy Thomson, who has been one of the most outspoken critics of the invitations. "If they qualify through the play-offs, fair enough, but I don't think they should be invited," he said.

TELEVISION CHOICE

Trude comes on song

Vets in Practice
BBC1, 8.00pm

And so we say farewell to the excitable Trude, the cool and capable Alison and the itchy-footed Joe as our vets complete their first six months in the job. But be assured that they will be back, for this is far too good a subject to be jettisoned. The combination of an assortment of young professionals tentatively learning a difficult trade and an often tricky caseload, continues to yield splendid footage. Difficult birds feature tonight as Alison has to cope with an aggressive goose which has broken its wing and Joe is faced with a noisy parrot. Meanwhile Trude, a lot more confident than the bundle of nerves we met in the earlier series, sings to a golden labrador brought in with a swollen neck. As it happens her diagnosis is spot on, but you feel that being serenaded by Trude is enough to make the sickest creature feel better.

Dan Pearson: Routes Around the World
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Since the title of this series gives little idea of the content, a word of explanation might be useful. The programmes follow Dan Pearson, a rising young garden designer, as he forsakes Britain in search of fresh sources of inspiration. This means some long trips, starting in Japan. It is probably fair to say that Japanese gardens are a minority enthusiasm over here, being too austere and formalised for most tastes. One of Pearson's examples, the Roanji Temple rock garden in Kyoto, exactly fits the stereotype, a minimalist creation designed to encourage its visitors to undistracted contemplation. But elsewhere in the former imperial capital Pearson finds gardens which, while highly mannered and exquisitely detailed, have a green lushness that startles the eye. Moreover, they are rarely open to the public, let alone television crews.

Friends
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Joe Inglis and Emma Milne (BBC1, 7pm)

For a change, in the continuing saga of those ever-so-pleased-with-themselves New Yorkers, we have a two-part episode. It comes complete with a cliffhanger designed to make sure we tune in next week. First off is yet another new man for Phoebe (Lisa Kudrow), the joke being that he speaks no English so their romance has to be conducted through an interpreter. But this is only a diversion from the main plot which is about that increasingly tiresome couple, Ross (David Schwimmer) and Rachel (Jennifer Aniston). He wants to celebrate their first anniversary. She is too busy with work. He storms out and finds female company elsewhere. It is predictable material, but a formula able to hook more than five million regular viewers in Britain alone makes such carping pointless.

The Nation's Favourite Love Poem
BBC1, 10.20pm

National Poetry Day, which fell yesterday, is again the cue for inviting viewers to vote for a favourite piece of verse. This is the third such exercise, the previous ones having identified Rudyard Kipling's *If* as the all-time winner and Jenny Joseph's *Warning*, a meditation on reckless and irresponsible old age, as the most favoured example written since the Second World War. Strangely perhaps, love poems did not figure strongly on either occasion but this is the genre chosen for the 1997 vote. This despite a survey (if you believe surveys) which suggested that we are most likely to read and write poetry while in love. As is becoming a tradition, Griff Rhys Jones will be on hand to announce the winner and there will be readings of this, and other love poems, by Imogen Stubbs and Nigel Havers. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

The Food Programme
Radio 4, 12.25pm

One way of defining a really distinctive radio programme is to be able to say that there is nothing like it in any other medium. So *The Food Programme*, back for a new series, is really distinctive. It is not about how to make a dish, much less is it a vehicle for a cook on an ego trip. What the programme does is much more interesting than that, for it tackles trends (but not fads) in the way food is used and, at its best, the programme uncovers the sort of behaviour that food manufacturers would rather keep to themselves. Not the least of the show's assets is its presenter, Derek Cooper, whose mix of charm and authority makes him one of the best radio presenters. Today's subject is harvests.

The Natural History Programme
Radio 4, 11.30am

"A lady rang in to say . . ." has become one of the more notorious openers in the anecdotal history of broadcasting, for the words were spoken by Michael Fish ten years ago next week and he went on to say that this lady had heard that a hurricane was coming: Fish could of course assure us that there would be no such thing. Britain awoke the next day to a flattened landscape, though most of us could not listen to a contrite BBC forecaster because the power lines had been blown down along with the trees and quite a few buildings. The programme has a range of stories, tragic, amusing and everything in between, with the pick of them concerning a pregnant woman, a fallen tree and a fractured telephone line. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radcliffe Breakfast Show **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Jo Whiley. Includes **12.30pm** Newsbeat **3.00** Mark Goodier **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Pete Tong: Essential Selection **10.00** One in the Jungle on Tour: Ruffneck Ting in Bristol **12.00** Radio 1 Rap Show **3.00am** Jayne Middlemiss

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Denis Quilley Shares the Best of Times **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night. With the BBC Concert Orchestra under Roderick Dunk and the singer Mary Carewe **9.15** The Tailor of Panama **9.30** Listen to the Band **10.00** The Arts Programme **12.05am** Patrick Lunt

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast Programme **9.00** The Magazine with Brian Hayes **12.00** Midday News **2.00pm** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.30** Sportstalk. Includes a look ahead to tomorrow's World Cup qualifier between England and Italy **8.30** Friday Sport with David Oates **10.00** Paper Talk **11.00** News Extra **12.00** After Hours **2.00am** Up All Night with Richard Dallyn **5.00** Morning Reports

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am The Breakfast Show with Nick Abbot **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** (FM) Robin Banks (AM) Nicky Horne **7.00** (FM) Paul Coyte (AM) Caimin Jones **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Richard Porter

TALK RADIO

6.30am Bill Overton and Carol McGiffen **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sportszone **10.00** Mike Allen **1.00am** Mike Dickin

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Pick of the World **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf: The Portrait of a Lady **8.30** Music Review **9.00** News; News in German (648 only) **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** Performance **9.30** John Peel **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** History Today **10.30** BBC English: Speaking of English **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Plants of Power **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Focus on Faith **1.00** News; News in German (648 only) **1.05** World Business Report **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Ends of the World **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack: Alternative **4.00** News **4.05** Football Extra **4.15** Paradox **4.30** Science in Action; News in German (648 only) **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** World Business Report **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** The Insider's Guide; News in German (648 only) **6.40** Spotlight **6.45** Sports Roundup **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Focus on Faith **8.00** News **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Multitrack: Alternative **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** People and Politics **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** The World Today **11.45** Sports Roundup **12.00** News **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Multitrack Alternative **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** From the Weeklies **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Paradox **2.45** The Insider's Guide **2.55** Spotlight **3.00** Newsday **3.30** People and Politics **4.00** News **4.05** World Business Report **4.15** Sports Roundup **4.30** The World Today; Weekend (Europe only) **4.45** Off the Shelf

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Alan Mann **9.00** Henry Kelly. Includes the Hall of Fame Hour **1.00pm** Listener Request Hour **2.00** Concerto. Mozart (Violin Concerto No 1 in B flat) **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Newsnight with John Brunning **7.30** Sonata. Quantz (Sonata No 275 in B flat major for Flute and Continuo) **8.00** Evening Concert. Wagner, arr Lemare (Ride of the Valkyries); Monteverdi (Adoramus Te); Haydn (Piano Concerto in D); Brahms (Liebeslieder Waltzes); Strauss (Till Eulenspiegel); Schubert (Symphony No 4 in C minor, Tragic) **10.00** Michael Mappin **2.00am** Concerto (r) **4.00** Sally Peterson

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Dvořák (Terzetto in C for Two Violins and Viola, Op 74); Glazunov (Oriental Rhapsody); Purcell (They That Go Down to the Sea in Ships, Z57); Milhaud (Sonata, Op 47); Prokofiev (Overture on Hebrew Themes); Brahms (Cello Sonata No 1 in E minor, Op 38)
9.00 Morning Collection. Introduced by Peter Hobday. Includes Handel (Concerto a Due Cori No 2 in F); Mozart (Oboe Quartet in F, K370); Arriaga (Symphony in D)
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Stephanie Hughes. Includes Arnold (The Padstow Lifeboat); Puccini (Preludio Sinfonico); Barber (Excursions); Madeleine Dring (Two Betjeman Songs); Bax (Fantasy); Hummel (Septet in C, Op 114, Military); Menotti (Piano Concerto)
12.00 Composers of the Week: Dufay, Binchois and Their Contemporaries
1.00pm News; The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. Live from St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol. Chris de Souza introduces the Medici Quartet. Vaughan Williams (String Quartet No 2); Beethoven (String Quartet in F, Op 14 No 1)
2.00 The BBC Archive: The Queen's Hall. Philip Fowke recreates the atmosphere of the Queen's Hall in London which was destroyed by a bomb in May 1941. Includes Prom performances conducted by Henry Wood, the pianist Wilhelm Backhaus playing a Mozart concerto and part of the Verdi Requiem, conducted by Arturo Toscanini during the 1938 London Music Festival
4.00 Music Restored. A concert given last July in St Olave's Church, Marygate, York. Emma Kirkby, soprano, Anthony Rooley, lute (r)
4.45 Music Machine: Acoustics. Tommy Pearson looks at the acoustics of stringed instruments
5.00 In Tune. Paul McCartney talks to Sean Rafferty about his symphonic work *Standing Stone*
7.30 Performance on 3: Schumann Revealed. Introduced by Andrew Lyle. Ruth Ziesak, soprano, Nadja Michael, mezzo, Toby Spence, tenor, William Dazeley, baritone, Neal Davies, bass. Monteverdi Choir, Orchestre Révolutionnaire et Romantique under John Eliot Gardiner. Schumann (Manfred: Overture; incidental music; Nachtlied; Requiem für Mignon; Fausts Verklärung, Scenes from Goethe's Faust)
9.20 Postscript: Projections (5/5)
9.40 Villa-Lobos. The second of two programmes of miniatures by Heitor Villa-Lobos
10.00 Hear and Now. Sarah Walker introduces a concert from the Institute of Contemporary Art in London. Lontano under Odaline de la Martinez. Includes Goffredo Petrassi (Grand Septuor); Alwynne Pritchard (What This Night, first performance); Franco Donatoni (Souvenir); Barbara Monk Feldman (The Northern Shore, first performance); Ivan Fedele (Profilo in Eco)
11.30 Composers of the Week: Schoenberg, Berg and Webern (Sounding the Century) (r)
12.30am Songs from Saturn. The last in the series telling the story of the jazz band leader Sun Ra (r)
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am (LW) Shipping Forecast 6.00am News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **8.45** Running in the Family. Paul Bhattacharjee reads Michael Ondaatje's account of his family's life in Ceylon (5/5) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. Sue Lawley's castaway is Jools Holland (r)
9.45 Gerry's Bar. More comic reflections on life from Gerry Anderson
10.00 (FM) News; Old Stubborn Guts. The writer and broadcaster Studs Turkel explores his personal archives
10.00 (LW) An Act of Worship
10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler
10.30 Woman's Hour. Introduced from London
11.30 The Natural History Programme. See Choice
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm The Food Programme. See Choice **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke at the Conservative Party conference in Blackpool and James Cox in London
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Serial: The Lifted Veil, by Jonathan Holloway, adapted from the novella by George Eliot. With Toby Stephens and Edward Michie (1/2) (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor and guests
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Tim Marlow reviews David Bintley's latest work for the Birmingham Royal ballet, *Edward II*
4.45 Short Story: Overcoat, by Rhidian Brook. Read by Richard Nichols (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Going Places
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week. Chris Serle presents his selection of extracts from BBC radio and television over the past seven days
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a topical discussion in Blackburn, Lancashire, with panellists Alistair Darling, John Redwood, Adam Smith and Yasmin Alibhai-Brown
8.50 Judging the Judges. Professor Simon Lee talks to Lord Browne-Wilkinson (2/3)
9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: Paul McCartney. Edward Seckerson talks to Paul McCartney about his classical compositions (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Jeremy Harris
10.45 Booker at Bedtime: The God of Small Things, by Arundhati Roy (5/7) (r)
11.00 Week Ending. The satirical news show with Jon Glover, Sally Grace, Dave Lamb and Sarah Parkinson
11.25 Fourth Column. A sideways look at the week
11.45 Beyond the Millennium. The philosopher Sadie Plant talks about her views of the future (r)
12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: The Drowned World. J.G. Ballard's classic adventure, read by Nicholas Farrell (3/10) (r)
12.48 (LW) Shipping Forecast
1.00 As World Service

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The dancers are raving but the critic is not

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

The next three weeks will show whether it is weight of expectation that is to blame, but I fear the worst. **A Dance to the Music of Time** (Channel 4) got off to the sort of start last night that it will take a minor miracle to recover from.

Actually, that's not strictly true — the start itself was fine. If Clare Skinner with no clothes on was a sign of things to come, dance on. But then she snuggled up to Nicholas Jenkins, narrator of the books but not apparently the television series, and the flashbacks began and within five minutes I was lost. And I'd read it. Those who believed Anthony Powell's outstanding novel sequence to be unadaptable appeared to have a point.

Hitherto, I had never subscribed to that view. When I first heard of plans to turn the 12 books into television I was greedy with anticipation at the prospect of... well, what it would it be? Twelve 90-minute episodes to get us through the autumn, or perhaps in these impatient times, 12 one-hours? What we got, four two-hour episodes, was not an option I had really considered. The first niggling doubts set in.

As it happened you could see why somebody at Channel 4 had gone for the two-hour option, because the first hour of last night's opening instalment was quite terrible. Left to its own idle devices, it would have ensured that not a soul made it to episode two. Small wonder Skinner had been told to get her kit off.

It was like walking into a *Brideshead Revisited* theme park — only less convincing. If comparison with Waugh's novel has been the bane of Powell's professional life, this has done him absolutely no favours at all. "Have a rock bun," twittered Alan Bennett, as he delivered something that was not so much a performance as a music-hall turn. I gritted my teeth and watched. If memory served me, the spires, the punts and every other Oxford cliché you can think of, didn't last for ever. "Oxford doesn't agree with me," groaned Paul Rhys, trying desperately hard not to look and sound like Anthony Andrews. It didn't agree with me, either.

As a succession of open-top tourers drew up to stately homes, my spirit sank — we have been this way too often. As a flapper flapped on a sunny terrace, I winced — I'd spotted the wind-up gramophone. When the road from London to Oxford turned out to be a single-tracked lane lined with pine trees... I wasn't a bit surprised.

The second hour was better but, given our full-frontal start, bafflingly coy. Jean (Clare Skinner) minnying around her Belgravia flat in the altogether was enjoyably gratuitous, but her first illicit kiss with Jenkins (Nicholas Purefoy) was vital — and yet it almost seemed to take the camera by surprise. As for their first stolen night together, we didn't see a thing. Very odd.

My doubts about the structure of Hugh Whitemore's adaptation returned. Waugh's single novel was adapted into 11 leisurely parts. By cramming 12 books into four episodes, Powell's elegant dance has been turned into a rave, the relentless beat set at 140 chance encounters per hour. There's only so much "Ah, Stringham" and "Ah, Templar" that a chap can take.

Still, not all is lost. The second hour was better than the first and if the improvement continues, I could be feeling thoroughly ashamed of myself by the end. Much of the acting borders on pantomime, but there are some good performances. Skinner is enchanting (with or without her clothes), Purefoy, Rhys and Jonathan Cake are improving as they become more familiar as the handsome trio of men-about-town and Simon Russell Beale has the makings of an excellent Widmerpool. Oh yes, one last thing. Carl Davis's music. Can't stand it.

A good night, however, for Oliver Ford Davies — he was Le Bas, an Eton housemaster on Channel 4, while over on ITV in **The Uninvited** he played a nuclear scientist, who may or may not have been taken over by aliens. No danger of typecasting there, then.

The precise reason for the uncertainty *vis à vis* alien status is that his nose didn't bleed when Leslie Grantham was stabbed with a syringe full of saline solution. But as Grantham didn't die either (alien-killing theory said he should have) we're clearly dealing with a new set of rules. Just as well, with another episode to go.

For anyone wearying of floppy haircuts and rock buns, this was the perfect antidote — wonderfully silly and cracking along at a pace that leaves no time to worry about it making sense. But first of all we had to find out whether Melissa (Lia Williams) had turned into an alien, as last week's car crash suggested. "You suspect me," she wailed. She was right. Steve (Douglas Hodge) did. But then her nose didn't bleed when Microwave Man died, so that was all right then. They went to bed to celebrate.

Microwave Man? Oh yes, sorry. Light aircraft pilot, crash landing, rushed to hospital, died when given a saline drip (big clue). The sort of post-mortem that would have made even Amanda Burton blanch revealed that his internal organs had been cooked... from the inside. "Oh my God," gasped Caroline Lee Johnson, as the first incision produced not blood but smoke. She clasped a handkerchief to her face — probably to stifle a giggle.

We left it with the aliens definitely having the upper hand, having blown up Sizewell B, taken over the United Nations and invaded Antarctica. I think it's time someone phoned Brigadier Lethbridge-Stewart.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (14251)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (82774855)
9.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (3859039)
9.30 Style Challenge (6364479)
9.55 Kilroy (T) (2957836)
10.35 Conservative Party Conference '97 Live coverage from Blackpool, featuring William Hague's keynote address (72647855)
12.35pm Going for a Song With the curator of the Minton Museum and a dealer in oriental furniture (5671519)
1.00 News (T) and weather (77756)
1.30 Regional News (73640107)
1.40 The Weather Show (48286890)
1.45 Neighbours (T) (71439519)
2.10 Racing from Ascot The **2.30** Tripleprint Maiden Stakes, and the **3.05** Bonusprint October Stakes (4985687)
3.30 Playdays (8175045) **3.50** Dear Mr Barker (8082107) **4.05** The All New Popeye Show (1045403) **4.15** Casper (6244836) **4.35** Record Breakers (8807010) **5.00** Newsround (T) (2188749) **5.10** Blue Peter (T) (9650774)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (883215)
6.00 News (T) and weather (395)
6.30 Regional News (T) (497)
7.00 Weekend Watchdog with Anne Robinson (T) (8584)
7.30 Top of the Pops (T) (381)
8.00 Vets in Practice The vets take stock of their first six months in practice. Last in series (T) (4872)
8.30 Children's Hospital In the last of the current series a tiny baby is brought in with suspected cystic fibrosis (T) (3039)
9.00 News (T) and weather (9671)
9.30 Dangerfield: Guilt DS Diamond and Dangerfield's romantic reverie is broken by the discovery of a car in a river containing the body of its owner (T) (927855)
10.20 The Nation's Favourite Love Poem Viewers' poll to pinpoint the most popular love poem in Britain today (T) (136478) **WALES: 10.20** Satellite City. New series (331774) **11.10** The Nation's Favourite Love Poem (947294) **11.20** Parkinson: The Interviews (635942) **12.00** Golf: World Matchplay (5912188) **12.40am** FILM: Crimewave (2898817) **2.05** FILM: Young Stranger (6879508) **3.25** Weather (18074966)
10.50 Parkinson: The Interviews Alec Guinness (T) (751774)
11.30 Golf: World Matchplay Second-round highlights from Wentworth in Surrey (607774)
12.10am Crimewave (1985) with Louise Lasser and Reed Birney. Offbeat comedy about two rodent exterminators who go on a killing spree through Detroit. Directed by Sam Raimi (T) (6581633)
1.35 The Young Stranger (1957, b/w) with James MacArthur and Kim Hunter. Drama about a deteriorating relationship between a movie executive father and his teenage son. Directed by John Frankenheimer (4270140)
2.55 Weather (3837275)

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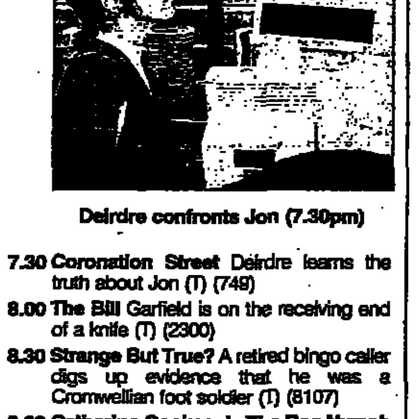
BBC2

6.00am Social Sciences: TV — Images, Messages and Ideologies (9947010) **6.50** Return to Skomer (2276671)
7.00 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (9756316)
7.15 Teletubbies (r) (6996836) **7.40** Smurfs' Adventures (r) (4436403) **8.05** Smart (r) (T) (7198403) **8.30** William's Wish Wellingtons (2663855) **8.35** Wishing (7498923) **8.45** Harry and the Hendersons (r) (T) (9685923)
9.10 Music Makers (7144584) **9.30** Watch (8777229) **9.45** Come Outside (8692584) **10.00** Teletubbies (63229)
10.30 Daytime on Two: Look and Read (7506768) **10.50** The Art (7682132) **11.10** Landmarks (T) (5447132) **11.30** English File (5478) **12.00** Scene (35861)
12.30pm Working Lunch (62403) **1.00** The Little Polar Bear (r) (55084294) **1.05** Pingu (r) (55083565) **1.10** The Countryside Hour (7612107)
2.10 Golf: World Matchplay Steve Rider presents live action of the second round from Wentworth which will feature the top four seeds including defending champion and winner of the US Open, Ernie Els (70696010)
5.30 Today's the Day (774)
6.00 Star Trek The *Enterprise* becomes the spearhead of an alien invasion (r) (T) (897652)
6.50 Conservative Party Conference Highlights (370720)
7.30 Top Gear Motorsport *(Sky Movies Gold)* Goodwood's Festival of Speed; the World Trials Championship; a round up of this year's Formula Renault series (923)

Dale fishes in France (8pm)

8.00 The Big Catch Liam Dale travels to Bordeaux in France, to cast his line in Rainbow Lake in the hope that France's finest fresh water fish — the carp will bite (T) (8774)
8.30 Ground Force The team creates a low-maintenance gravel garden at Whitley Bay (T) (4381)
9.00 Red Dwarf Lister starts to miss Rimmer (r) (T) (7213)
9.30 Shooting Stars Comic quiz with Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer. Guests are Eddie Izzard; Melanie Sykes; Glenn Hugill and Carol Vorderman (T) (86039)
10.00 Jenny Eclair's Pick 'n' Mix Clips from the BBC archives (36590)
10.30 Newsnight (T) (489045)
11.15 VR 5 Sydney gets a new liaison officer (T) (368768)
12.00 Fallen Angel British manga-style animated feature (77492)
1.00am Angel Baby (1961, b/w) Melodrama with George Hamilton, Salome Jens and Joan Blondell. Directed by Paul Wendkos (T) (646633)
2.35 Weather (3815053)

6.00am GMTV (4177958)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (T) (3848923)
9.55 Regional News (6830738)
10.00 The Time, the Place (87855)
10.30 This Morning (T) (77620565)
12.20pm Regional News (8142565)
12.30 News (T) and weather (5667316)
12.55 WALES: Grass Roots (T) (5579107)
12.55 Dogs with Dunbar (5579107)
1.25 Home and Away (T) (76939294)
1.50 Murder, She Wrote (r) (9081768)
2.50 WALES: The Pulse (T) (9495774)
2.50 Garden Calendar (T) (9495774)
3.20 News (T) (4983855)
3.25 Regional News (4982126)
3.30 Jays' World (8179687) **3.40** Titch (9662958) **3.50** Oscar and Friends (9588942) **4.00** Roger and the Rottentrolls (T) (8481107) **4.15** Hurricanes (T) (6253584) **4.40** Fun House (T) (9240836)
5.10 A Country Practice (3041687)
5.40 News (T) and weather (211671)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (151328)
6.25 Regional Weather (948749)
6.30 WALES: Wales Tonight (T) (565)
6.30 The West Tonight (565)
7.00 Bruce's Price is Right (T) (3652)



Deirdre confronts Jon (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street Deirdre learns the truth about Jon (T) (749)
8.00 The Bill Garfield is on the receiving end of a knife (T) (2300)
8.30 Strange But True? A retired bingo caller digs up evidence that he was a Cromwellian foot soldier (T) (8107)
9.00 Catherine Cookson's The Rag Nymph Millie spreads her wings to take up a job as a nursemaid in the country, but is soon hankering for the protection Aggie and Ben used to afford her (2/3) (T) (1381)
10.00 News (T) and weather (30316)
10.30 Regional News (870403)
10.40 AWOL: Absent Without Leave (1990) starring Jean-Claude Van Damme and Harrison Page. A French Foreign Legionnaire deserts his post and flees to New York, where he enters the illegal world of bare-knuckle boxing. Directed by Sheldon Lettich (78332720)
10.40 Late and Live (5301565)
12.10am Short Story Cinema (4400324)
12.40 The Paul Ross Show (792985)
2.15 The Sergeant (1968) with Rod Steiger. An army sergeant is forced to face his sexuality when he finds himself drawn to an attractive young private. Directed by John Flynn (306324)
4.10 Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (r) (93642169)
4.35 Coach (r) (56201527) **5.00** Coronation Street (r) (T) (80966) **5.30** News (73091)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (5579107)
2.50-3.20 Our House (9495774)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3041687)
6.25-7.00 Central News (320565)
10.40 Central Weekend Live (5301565)
12.10am Campus Cops (3516614)
12.38 Sound Bites (1151508)
2.10 The LADS (1597343)
2.40 Cool Vibes (9123966)
2.55 Box Office America (5335091)
3.20 Baywatch (8328053)
4.10 Helter Skelter (1732904)
5.00 Central Jobfinder '97 (1404966)
5.20 Asian Eye (7182782)

As HTV West except:
12.20pm-12.30 Illuminations (8142565)
12.55 Home and Away (5579107)
1.25 Spill the Beans (46730519)
1.55 Westcountry Update (71331923)
2.25-3.20 Blue Heelers (8392768)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3041687)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (61720)
10.40 Film: American Flyers (78332720)

As HTV West except:
12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (5579107)
1.50 Serve You Right (71332652)
2.20-3.20 Highway to Heaven (7102132)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3041687)
6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (61720)
10.30 Meridian News and Weather (798855)
10.45 Terrors of the Deep (139107)
11.45 Wiseguy (170045)
5.00am Freescreen (80966)

As HTV West except:
12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (8154300)
12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (5579107)
1.50 A Splash of Colour (71332652)
2.20-3.20 Highway to Heaven (7102132)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3041687)
6.23 Anglia Weather (949478)
6.25-7.00 Anglia News (320565)
10.29 Anglia Air Watch (197749)
10.30 Anglia News Extra (43836)
11.00 Film: Hexed (1993). A comedy directed by Alan Spencer (864923)

Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (94687) **9.00 Ysgolion** (68774) **11.00 Conference Report** (8057229) **12.15pm A Box Full of Stories** (4279768) **12.30 Ysgolion** (84671) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (32407720) **1.15 Slot Syniadau Sali** (32508403) **1.30 Augusta and the Mouse** (44686836) **1.35 Film: The Harvey Girls** (40155590) **3.30 Laurie Lee's Gloucestershire** (671) **4.00 Fifteen-to-One** (478) **4.30 Out of Africa** (590) **5.00 5 Pump** (4420497) **5.15 Mynd Drot Drot** (2183294) **5.30 Countdown** (942) **6.00 Newyddion** (428300) **6.10 Heno** (984132) **7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (256045) **7.25 Y Sioe Golf** (441942) **8.00 Yma Mae 'Nghan** (3382) **8.30 Newyddion** (6749) **9.00 Rhwng Duw a Dyn** (9923) **10.00 Brookside** (699720) **10.35 Friends** (397229) **11.05 Jo Brand: Like It or Lump It** (234687) **11.35 King of the Hill** (101565) **12.05am TFI Friday** (2406091) **1.05 Film: Fists of Fury** (270614) **2.55 Film: Night and the City** (739898)

CHANNEL 4

5.55am Sesame Street (65949)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (94687)
9.00 Schools: Off Limits (3843478) **9.25** Schools at Work (3656671) **9.30** Eureka! (T) (8699497) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (T) (6234774) **10.02** Lost Animals (3477010) **10.10** TVM (T) (2532045) **10.25** Caraidean (2457300) **10.40** Top! (7688316) **11.00** Robert Burns (T) (6401403) **11.15** Stage One (T) (6328126)
11.00 Conference Report William Hague, MP, addresses the conference (8057229)
12.15pm A Box Full of Stories (r) (4279768)
12.30 Light Lunch (67687)
1.30 To Baldly Go (34374381)
1.50 Mr Denning Drives North (1951, b/w) A comedy thriller starring John Mills, Herbert Lom and Eileen Moore. Directed by Anthony Kimmins (92507039)
3.30 The Living Sea (r) (671) **4.00** Fifteen-to-One (T) (478) **4.30** Countdown (T) (3808749) **4.55** Ricki Lake (r) (T) (8727478) **5.30** Pet Rescue (T) (942)
6.00 TFI Friday The guests include Jimmy Nail and Supergrass (65590)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (817836)
7.50 Music of the Millennium Dame Joan Sutherland's choice (948774)

Dan Pearson explores Japan (8pm)

8.00 Dan Pearson: Routes Around the World The first of a six-part gardening series in which Dan Pearson explores successful gardens worldwide. Beginning with Kyoto, Japan, where he meets the last Zen priest to practise garden design in Japan (T) (3382)
8.30 Brookside Ron's health is under pressure (T) (6749)
9.00 Friends: The One Where Ross and Rachel Take a Break Phoebe is involved with a foreign diplomat and has to use an interpreter. Ross seeks comfort in the arms of another woman (T) (448497)
9.35 Cybill Justin encounters Zoey while visiting his mother (T) (334403)
10.00 Frasier When Niles moves in to a prestigious apartment block that does not allow cats or dogs, he buys a talking bird (T) (38958)
10.30 Jo Brand: Like It or Lump It Stand up and comedy sketches (T) (862836)
11.05 King of the Hill (T) (234687)
11.35 TFI Friday (r) (716381)
12.35am Big Boss (1971) Kung fu action with Bruce Lee in his first starring role. Directed by Lo Wei (274904)
2.25 Night and the City (1950, b/w) starring Richard Widmark as a racketeer trying to muscle-in on the London wrestling scene. Directed by Jules Dassin (687701)
4.10 To Whom It May Concern (2805985) **4.45** Takeover TV (r) (9882459) **5.15** Fluke (9882459)

CHANNEL 5

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Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz, sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6.00am 5 News Early (2912923)
7.30 Milkshake (7935720) **7.35** USA High (r) (8916382) **8.00** Havakazoo (8496519)
8.30 WideWorld Exploring the contrasting images of Glasgow (8488590)
9.00 Espresso (5588671) **10.00** Exclusive (r) (6234294) **10.30** The Car Show (r) (T) (8302126)
11.00 Leeza (6962869) **11.50** Double Espresso (r) (44210942)
12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8393478) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (1667279) **1.00** 5 News Update (99259403) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (1343855) **2.00** 5's Company (4793861)

Joan Fontaine stars (3.30pm)

3.30 Suspicion (1941, b/w) Classic Hitchcock thriller with Joan Fontaine, Cary Grant and Cedric Hardwicke in which a timid heiress marries a rakish man, despite protestations from all that he is a gold-digger (3753720)
5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (55089229)
5.30 Whittle (8399942)
6.00 100 Per Cent (8396855)
6.30 Family Affairs Duncan and Elsa make a shock announcement (T) (8387107)
7.00 Name That Tune (6144497)
7.30 Exclusive The agents who represent the multi-million dollar stars (8489519)
8.00 Jenny Eclair Squats Jenny reviews the week (6226045)
8.30 5 News (6132652)
9.00 Trail of Tears (1995) with Pam Dawber and Katey Sagal. Two women, whose estranged husbands have snatched their children, unite to retrieve their offspring. Directed by Donald Wrye (69246300)
10.50 La Femme Nikita (7317869)
11.45 Paradisio (1962) with Arthur Howard and Eva Waegner. An Oxbridge professor stumbles across a special pair of glasses which enable him to see through people's clothes (4852300)
1.15am Sodbusters (1993) Kris Kristofferson stars in this comedy western about a group of farmers who band together to stop an evil but dimwitted villain from selling their land to the railroad company. Directed by Eugene Levy (3150817)
3.05 Troublemaker (1964, b/w) Comedy about a naive chicken farmer who opens a New York coffee house (57584072)
4.35 The Streets of San Francisco (T) (8848188)
5.30 100 Per Cent (5543508)

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (200687) 9.00 Regis and Kathie Lee (70652) 10.00 Another World (35958) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (42294) 12.00 Oprah Winfrey (25942) 1.00pm Geraldo (59830) 2.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (46890) 3.00 Jenny Jones (14316) 4.00 Oprah Winfrey (20923) 5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (5229) 6.00 Real TV (1519) 6.30 Married — with Children (2871) 7.00 The Simpsons (6958) 7.30 M*A*S*H (8855) 8.00 Highlander (46403) 9.00 Walker, Texas Ranger (60039) 10.00 Extra Time (87294) 10.30 Stand and Deliver (96942) 11.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (36687) 12.00 Late Show (24324) 1.00am Long Play (1581121)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am The Dollmaker (1983) (53241590) **8.25 Two of a Kind** (1983) (5360861) **9.55 Canadian Bacon** (1994) (40247229) **11.30 Unstrung Heroes** (1995) (96923) **1.00pm Two of a Kind** (1983) (64577652) **2.35 The Dollmaker** (1983) (17827774) **5.00 A Pyromaniac's Love Story** (1995) (92126) **7.00 Unstrung Heroes** (1995) (52871) **9.00 White Squall** (1996) (77713132) **11.10 The Movie Show** (859942) **11.40 Night Eyes Four** (1995) (942300) **1.40am Higher Learning** (1995) (25638343) **3.50 A Pyromaniac's Love Story** (1995) (60497633)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Five Came Back (1939) (85263294) **7.35 Second Honeymoon** (1937) (9719300) **9.05 The Feminine Touch** (1941) (23723213) **11.00 Sun Valley Serenade** (1941) (73861) **12.30pm Blockade** (1938) (16316) **2.00 On the Riviera** (1951) (45720) **4.00 Mister Dog** (1985) (1403) **6.00 Grizzly Adams and the Treasure of the Bear** (1995) (88871) **7.30 UK Top 10** (1565) **8.00 The Glass Shield** (1995) (40229) **10.00 Seven** (1995) (68214768) **12.10am Silent Fall** (1995) (277958) **1.50 State of Emergency** (1994) (5554782) **3.20 Shrunken Heads** (1994) (6476527) **4.50 Joe at the Kingdom of the Bees** (1972) (1833072)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Woman of Straw (1964) (4743774) **6.00 The Adventures of Baron Munchausen** (1989) (1651497) **8.00 Uncle Buck** (1989) (1656942) **10.00 The Entity** (1983) (87515565) **12.10am Friday the 13th: Part VII: the New Blood** (1988) (14005430) **1.40 The Bible** (1966) (24720035) **4.25** Close

TNT

8.00pm WCW Nitro (73762381) **9.00 Logan's Run** (1976) (73772768) **11.00 Shaft's Big Score** (1972) (64208958) **1.00am The Man Who Laughs** (1966) (53454256) **2.45 Logan's Run** (1976) (92339140) **5.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (92213) 7.30 Wrestling (28294) 8.30 Sports Centre (85403) 9.00 Racing News (70365) 9.30 Big Fight Countdown (12045) 10.00 Super League: Brisbane v St Helen; Auckland v Bradford (156132) 12.30pm Rugby Club (54590) 2.00 Watersports World (53836) 3.00 Formula Three Racing (72300) 4.00 Powerboat and Jetski World (9316) 4.30 Rugby Club (70132) 6.00 Sports Centre (28652) 7.00 Big Fight Countdown (4132) 7.30 World Super League Club Championship — Live (82478) 10.00 Sports Centre (87720) 11.00 Big Fight Countdown (69836) 11.30 Hold the Back Page (62861) 12.30am Sports Centre (85121) 1.30 Big Fight Countdown (89850) 2.00 World Super League Club Championship — Live (29807) 4.00 Wrestling (38701)

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00am Aerobics Oz Style (2743519) 7.30 Sports Centre (2859126) 8.00 Racing News (8915010) 8.30 Tight Lines (9438855) 9.30 The Rugby Club (5356774) 11.00 Formula Three Racing (2731774) 12.00 All-Terrain Marathon (2275590) 1.00pm Big Fight Countdown (2735590) 1.30 Football League Review (2189126) 2.00 Powerboat: Formula One (4784233) 2.30 Full Throttle (7518687) 3.00 Trans World Sport (2965213) 4.00 Big Fight Countdown (7436039) 4.30 Sports Unlimited (9439584) 5.30 World Sport Special (7512403) 6.00 Powerboat: Formula One (7519316) 6.30 Inside the Senior PGA Tour (7437768) 7.00 Futbol Mundial (8689869) 7.30 Football: Italy U21 v England U21 — Live (3503652) 10.00 NHL Powerweek (5000818) 11.00 Inside the Senior PGA Tour (2942749) 11.30 All-Terrain Marathon (6562355) 12.30am World Sport Special (7223817) 1.00 Football: Italy U21 v England U21 (8140695) 2.30 Sports Centre (7575701) 3.30 Hold the Back Page (7587546) 4.30 Football: Italy U21 v England U21 (8377430)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00pm Trans World Sport (47824359) 1.00 Tight Lines (79924809) 2.00 Bobby Charlton's Soccer Scrapbook (64119381) 3.30 Golf: Novotel Perrier (23040855) 5.30 High 5 (97474887) 6.00 Trans World Sport (90973823) 7.00 All-Terrain Marathon (73868519) 8.00 Golf: Novotel Perrier (73775855) 10.00 Wrestling (29874652) 12.00 Close

EUROSPORT

7.30am Four Wheels Drive (79316) 8.00 Football (40316) 10.00 Modern Pentathlon (95300) 11.00 Touring Car (82836) 12.00 Motorsports (24836) 1.00pm Live Tennis (3216229) 6.00 Tractor Pulling (98836) 8.00 Truck Racing (99565) 9.00 Football (62229) 10.00 Martial Arts (85316) 11.00 Boxing (78229) 12.00 Four-Wheels Drive (41430)

UK GOLD

7.00am Rentaghost (6261229) 7.25 Neighbours (8062768) 8.00 Crossroads (9998316) 8.25 EastEnders (3890855) 9.00 The Bill (1435861) 9.30 Howards' Way (4150565) 10.00 In Loving Memory (9864039) 10.30 Sullivans (1431045) 11.00 Boon (6881652) 12.00 Crossroads (57449687) 12.25pm Neighbours (57442774) 12.55 EastEnders (1048687) 1.30 Hi-De-Hi (9333294) 2.10 Keeping Up Appearances (2477671) 2.50 Are You Being Served? (4302749) 3.30 The Bill (9452720) 4.00 Casualty (62789923) 5.05 EastEnders (9756213) 5.40 Bob's Full House (7149590) 6.25 That's Showbusiness (7078045) 7.00 It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (7150942) 7.45 Brush Strokes (5125855) 8.20 Keeping Up Appearances (1790300) 9.00 Only Fools and Horses (9659126) 9.40 The Bill (3387768) 10.15 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet (44734107) 11.20 Men Behaving Badly (9263126) 11.55 Old Grey Whistle Test (7140039) 12.25am Sight and Sound (8372256) 1.05 Live at Jongleurs (3044548) 1.35 Miami Vice (9342411) 2.25 Shopping

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am E! Uncut (7349571) 6.30 Beadle's About (3082519) 7.00 Coronation St (5379479) 7.30 Families (5381213) 8.00 Surprise Surprise (6026749) 9.00 Upstairs, Downstairs (7438519) 10.00 Mission Impossible (5387497) 11.00 Hawaii Five-O (5463861) 12.00 Coronation St (4436010) 12.30pm Families (2591497) 1.00 Blind Date (2589652) 2.00 Upstairs, Downstairs (3894300) 3.00 Beadle's About (5828045) 3.30 Surgical Spirit (5313590) 4.00 Mission Impossible (3823403) 5.00 Hawaii Five-O (5746497) 6.00 Families (5319774) 6.30 Coronation St (5237126) 7.00 Blind Date (1055316) 8.00 Mission Impossible (1948836) 9.00 Coronation St (3825687) 9.30 The Comedians (2877861) 10.00 Hawaii Five-O (1034687) 11.00 Close

Bridges and Goodhall in *White Squall* (Sky Movies, 8.00pm)

DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Dumbo (45858) 6.30 Lamb Chop (60743) 7.00 Chip 'n' Dale (91107) 7.30 Quack Pack (46382) 8.00 Dinosaurs (46584) 8.30 Bonkers (45855) 9.00 Gummi Bears (36107) 9.30 Grounding Marsh (5387313) 9.55 Mouse and Mole (4415788) 10.00 Sesame St (46345) 11.00 Winnie the Pooh (9713234) 11.15 Rosie and Jim (7458328) 11.40 Sing Me a Story (3358942) 12.00 Tots TV (49671) 12.30pm Big Garage (78452710) 12.45 Winnie the Pooh (73402215) 1.00 Sesame St (71788) 2.00 Madisons Adventures — Growing Up Wild (1978) 2.30 Care Bears (2478) 3.00 Tale Spin (8565) 3.30 Goof Troop (7923) 4.00 Timon and Pumbaa (9958) 4.30 Aladdin (5942) 5.00 Gargoyles (1010) 5.30 Dinosaurs (6294) 6.00 Nightmare Ned (3107) 6.30 Smart Guy (9377) 7.00 Wayne Manifesto (4774) 7.30 FILM: Ronnie and Julie (1994) (63720) 9.00 Second Noah (20403) 10.00 Close

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Delfy (8824316) 6.30 Billy the Cat (2220774) 7.00 Pinocchio (6263045) 7.30 Power Rangers Zeo (6179652) 8.00 Beetleborgs (1165300) 8.30 Masked Rider (1164671) 9.00 Magic Box (1155923) 9.30 Dudley (6231887) 10.00 Inspector Gadget (2148126) 10.30 Samurai Pizza Cats (1151107) 11.00 Sweet Valley High (6188300) 12.00 Ace Ventura (1248687) 12.30pm Casper (2591823) 1.00 The Tick (6262316) 1.30 Iron Man (3041364) 2.00 Fantastic Four (4864039) 2.30 Power Rangers Zeo (7513687) 3.00 Beetleborgs (4949774) 3.30 Masked Rider (7518132) 4.00 Ace Ventura (7431039) 4.30 Casper (7420923) 5.00 The Tick (4951519) 5.30 X Men (7517403) 6.00 Spiderman (7514316) 6.30 Sweet Valley High (7432768) 7.00 Close

TCC

6.00am Happily Ever After (41132) 6.30 Bobby's World (86923) 7.00 Spirou (87381) 7.30 Dennis (89316) 8.00 Batman (22958) 8.30 Bots Master (21229) 9.00 Art Attack (32381) 9.30 Earthworm Jim (78671) 10.00 Gravedale High (63403) 10.30 Flash Gordon (36565) 11.00 Creepy Crawlers (13671) 11.30 Gigantor (14300) 12.00 Gravedale High (25045) 12.30pm Bots Master (52687) 1.00 Batman (96652) 1.30 Eek (51958) 2.00 Creepy Crawlers (8132) 2.30 Flash Gordon (8652) 3.00 Sonic (9039) 3.30 Earthworm Jim (8687) 4.00 Dennis (5132) 4.30 Art Attack (1316)

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NICKELODEON

6.00am Killer Tomatoes (33818) 6.30 Aaahh! Real Monsters (69497) 7.00 Hey Arnold! (90855) 7.30 Rugrats (75590) 8.00 Doug (84774) 8.30 Country Mouse and City Mouse (83045) 9.00 CBBC (82577) 9.30 CBBC (10687) 10.00 Wenzle's House (50749) 10.30 Babar (90381) 11.00 Magic School Bus (75497) 11.30 Bananas in Pyjamas (78126) 12.00 Paddington Bear etc (87861) 12.30pm Portland Bill etc (14403) 1.00 Dr Seuss (90126) 1.30 Little Bear Stories (13774) 2.00 Animal Show (8958) 2.30 CBBC (1736) 3.00 CBBC (4565) 3.30 Aaahh! Real Monsters/Doug (5923) 4.00 Hey Arnold! (7958) 4.30 Rugrats (3942) 5.00 Sister Sister (9010) 5.30 Kenan and Kel (4294) 6.00 Sabrina (1107) 6.30 Nablam! (8687) 7.00 Close

TROUBLE

12.00pm Swan's Crossing (1344565) 12.30 Ready or Not (4156749) 1.00 Madison (8887836) 1.30 Sweet Valley High (4148720) 2.00 Saved by the Bell (9590774) 2.30 Swan's Crossing (9475671) 3.00 No Naked Flames (9406381) 3.30 Ready or Not (9550316) 4.00 Saved by the Bell (9469923) 4.30 USA High (9462107) 5.00 Hangtime (9418126) 5.30 Sweet Valley High (9559687) 6.00 Steel (9476300) 6.30 Madison (9467852) 7.00 Hangtime (8594580) 7.30 USA High (9465836)

BRAVO

8.00pm The A-Team (8719294) 9.00 Crime Story (9802958) 10.00 Tour of Duty (9805045) 11.00 FILM: Foxy Brown (3790720) 12.50am Leslie Nielsen's Unbalanced World (5646188) 1.00 Crime Story (8896324) 2.00 Tour of Duty (8309633) 3.00 FILM: Foxy Brown (8078121) 4.50 Leslie Nielsen's Unbalanced World (59759275) 5.00 The A-Team (5203492)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Grace Under Fire (2774) 7.30 Roseanne (4671) 8.00 Ellen (5294) 8.30 Cybill (7229) 9.00 Cheers (51861) 9.30 Taxi (38039) 10.00 Monty Python's Flying Circus (61590) 11.00 Paramount Presents (491565) 11.25 Robin (384836) 11.30 Nightstand (45861) 12.00 Soap (54804) 12.30am Pig Sty (15527) 1.00 Entertainment UK (71343) 1.30 Taxi (87492) 2.00 Roseanne (1580072) 2.25 Robin (7830121) 2.30 Ellen (35614) 3.00 Cybill (88879) 3.30 Cheers (26966) 4.00 Close

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

8.00pm Sightings (6333855) 9.00 FILM: Crucible of Terror (82183519) 10.45 Making of *Krull the Conqueror* (2052852) 11.00 Friday the 13th (3540880) 12.00 Sightings (9916237) 1.00am Twilight Zone (1459633) 1.30 Tales of the Unexpected (7947053) 2.00 Dark Shadows (6871985) 2.30 New Alfred Hitchcock (8850492) 3.00 Friday the 13th (1904121) 4.00 Close

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am Simply Painting (1433403) 9.30 Gardeners' Diary (4152107) 10.00 The Great Gardening Plot (9655381) 10.30 New Yankee Workshop (1439687) 11.00 Rex Hunt (1592865) 11.30 Hometime (1593584) 12.00 Garden Doctors (1357039) 12.30pm Two's Country (4152923) 1.00 Sweet Things (6883010) 1.30 Home Again (4151294) 2.00 Furniture on the Mend (9490720) 2.30 These Four Walls (9551045) 3.00 Two's Country (9419865) 3.30 This Old House (9556590) 4.00 Close

DISCOVERY

4.00pm History's Turning Points (9479497) 4.30 Justice Files (9468381) 5.00 Connections 2 (9414300) 5.30 Beyond 2000 (9555861) 6.00 Among the Whale Sharks (4160942) 7.00 Mysterious World (9401836) 7.30 Disaster (9469010) 8.00 Teeth of Death (8722768) 9.00 New Detectives (9808132) 10.00 Shark Science (9818519) 11.00 The Falklands War (8973887) 12.00 Flightline (2855614) 12.30am Justice Eye (8100430) 1.00 Disaster (7343833) 1.30 Beyond 2000 (6211324) 2.00 Close

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7.00pm Bushbabies (4868855) 7.30 Sumo: Dance of the Gargantuan (7421652) 8.00 Monkeys in the Mist (7771010) 9.00 Fatal Game: Everest (7864774) 10.00 Price of Peace (7867861) 11.00 Amazing World of the Mini-Beasts (6176565) 12.00 Path of the Rain God (4086430) 1.00am Close

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm The Great Days of the Century (2834720) 5.00 History Encore (9002590) 7.00 Biography: Hercules: Power of the Gods (4850377) 8.00 Close

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6.00am Close 5.00pm Cross Wits (4584) 5.30 Say the Word (8768) 6.00 Family Fortunes (9381) 6.30 Catchphrase (6851) 7.15 The $64,000 Question (351687) 8.00 Split Second (849855) 8.30 Move on Up (5403) 9.15 Winner Takes All (532010) 10.00 Treasure Hunt (80836) 11.15 Whittle (825774) 12.00 Say the Word (89880) 12.30am Hart to Hart (38237) 1.30 The Big Valley (53782) 2.30 Big Brother Jake (73898) 3.00 My Two Dads (22091) 3.30 Where I Live (57850) 4.00 Explorer (76575) 5.00 Shopping (34071)

UK LIVING

6.00am Tiny Living 8.00 I Dream of Jeannie 8.30 Gordon Elliott 10.10 Jerry Springer 11.00 Young and Restless 11.50 Magic, Mysteries and Miracles 12.20pm Why Me? 1.00 Tempest 1.50 Ready, Steady, Cook 2.30 Cheap Chic 3.00 Live at Three 4.05 Jerry Springer 5.00 Rolonda 5.50 Lucky Ladders 6.20 Heat is On 7.00 Hearts Afire 7.30 Mysteries, Magic and Miracles 8.00 Adrenalin Junkies 9.00 FILM: Malice in Wonderland 11.00 Sex Life Down Under

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran 7.30 Film Deewane 8.00 Rashat 8.30 Positive Health 9.00 Yaadon Ki Baraat 9.30 Teri Bhi Chup Meri Bhi Chup 10.00 Dashi 11.00 Zalka Ka Sitar 11.30 Hasratein 12.00 Andaz 12.30pm Rashat 1.00 FILM 4.00 ZEE Zone Presents 4.05 Kamal Kombination 4.30 Khel Time 5.00 Zone Time 5.25 Flu 6.00 Chuki Baja Ke 6.30 ZEE and You 7.00 Ikke Pe Ikka 7.30 Mast Mast Hai Zindagi 8.00 News 8.30 Parampara 9.00 FILM 12.00 Close

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England coach calls for calm in the cauldron of World Cup qualifying showdown

Hoddle puts premium on composure

FROM OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, IN ROME

GLENN HODDLE has been *talking* for some time now about how calmness will be *the key in the* Olympic Stadium tomorrow night, how the *match* will be won by the team that remains composed *enough* to play its natural game in the face of the *howling crowd and* the cloying pressure. Reflection is *what the England coach* is looking for in his squad as their World Cup *qualifying* showdown with Italy draws *nearer and yesterday he and* the man who is likely to be his captain passed their *serenity* tests with honours.

First, *Hoddle had had to* cope with the hostile questions of some Italian journalists. Disappointed with his decision to shield Paul Gascoigne from any form of contact with the media during his return to the city that used to be his home when he played for Lazio, they questioned Hoddle's faith in his midfield player's maturity. He was studiously unruffled by those exchanges.

Then, Hoddle played his part in a wonderful mini-farce. He had told the press conference that David Beckham was suffering from a *heavy, chesty cold that* could keep him out of the match and *that Gareth Southgate* was also struggling with an injury, *the nature of which he did not* wish to reveal.

Enter Roy Hodgson, the Blackburn Rovers manager, who has been drafted in to act as Hoddle's translator on this trip. In Italian, he told the local journalists about Beckham's condition. By the

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time that he got to Southgate, though, he had forgotten that *Hoddle had wanted the problem* kept secret. Midway through *his explanation, he* started hopping about on one leg on the stage, tapping his right knee with his hand. For a split-second, Hoddle's face was a picture of dismay, but then it creased into a broad smile.

The England coach was outdone, though, by the man most think he will name as his captain today. The fight against alcoholism has done many things for Tony Adams and another deeply thoughtful, searingly introspective conversation yesterday suggested *that one of them has* been to enhance his qualities *as a leader of men.*

Adams not only talks about *serenity, but he exudes it, too.* He talks slowly now, in such a studied, quiet way that it is almost soporific. There is something almost monastic about the tone of his words. Where he might once have yelled and screamed a call to arms, he said, he would try to use his influence to steady young nerves as tomorrow's kick-off approached.

"Banging the toilet door has never won football matches," Adams said. "Maybe that was the kind of approach I used to adopt. This time, there might be a process of calming some of the younger boys down. You can go over the top in these situations. You can go over the top with enthusiasm and there is a danger you just run around like headless chickens.

"Calming down and using your brains should be what it *is about.* Our sides have always had the strength and *the determination anyway.* They are going to do their best. *That is not a problem. A bit of* knowledge and a bit of focus *might* be the way to go.

"It is hard to be serene during a football match, but beforehand we can be, can't we. I don't have to go running round the hotel like a nutcase any more. I am relaxed. In other times, I might be jumping around and it would all be eating away at me inside, but I don't do that anymore. Maybe you are seeing the real Tony Adams now.

"I have always been able to motivate people throughout *the years and that is maybe* why people have put me as a *captain. I have been able to* focus in on certain individuals. *I preferred that to looking* at myself. Maybe there was too much going on *inside* me to have a look at me. While I was looking at *all* the others and assessing their problems, I could just go out and play."

Adams, like Paul Ince earlier in the week, acknowledged that next summer would be his last chance to play in the World Cup finals, that he only had so many "bites at the cherry". He preferred to concentrate, though, on the help that football has given him in his fight against his addiction.

"I can *see* the qualities that made me a professional footballer," *he said, "and I take the* good points into my private *life now. I look at all the* good things that have made me a professional footballer for the past 18 years and I recognise that there is some *kind* of addiction that makes me get up every morning and try to prove myself on a football pitch. Getting up and getting out there and putting myself out there and being able to handle defeat and success, I can take all that into my private life.

"I don't think I ever took my career for granted. Maybe I got lost, shall we say. The reality is that I am still here and it is a wonderful reality. I have to pinch myself at times but I do not fear anything any more."

Finally, just before he got up to go, someone asked him if he had more good days than bad days. "Every day is a good day," Adams said with a smile. "If England win on Saturday, though, it will be an even better day."

Adams, Hoddle's probable choice as captain, exudes the serenity that the coach *wants to instil in his squad. Photograph: Marc Aspland*

Heskey's cool forecast

EMILE HESKEY, the England Under-21 forward, is ready for another close encounter with Italy defenders *in the European championship* match in Rieti tonight.

Heskey, *of Leicester City*, was the victim of several cynical challenges *in the first* meeting with Italy at Ashton Gate, Bristol, in February, but is determined not to react in the return.

"The defenders stick tight so you can't really go anywhere and are pulling and tugging away at you all the time," Heskey said. "There have been *times* when I have kicked out at people in a bit of *retaliation, but overall* I've managed to keep my temper reasonably well *so far.*"

Victory is essential if England are to become one of the seven group winners who go through automatically to the finals.

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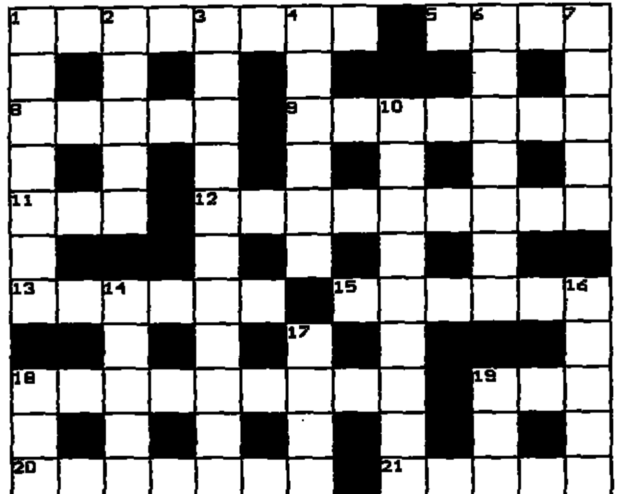

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ACROSS
1 Neighbourhood (8)
5 Requests (4)
8 Important; big (5)
9 Dr Johnson's biographer (7)
11 Tilt; endpiece (3)
12 The sky (*poet.*) (9)
13 Fit for hard use (6)
15 Kampala its capital (6)
18 Peas eaten pod and all (9)
19 A motor (3)
20 *Nonplus, bewilder* (7)
21 Violently 7 (5)
22 High male voice (4)
23 Caution, discretion (8)

DOWN
1 Barge; smoker's aid (7)
2 Unworthy; vile (5)
3 Relieve feelings (3,3,5)
4 Herald's jacket (6)
6 (Ir.) drinking den (7)
7 Adriatic port; banana sweet (5)
10 Massacred (11)
14 State dinner (7)
16 Put in order (7)
17 Practical joker (6)
18 Sicilian criminals (5)
19 Group of witches (5)

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ACROSS: 1 Home Guard 6 Wad 8 Radiant 9 Dylan 10 Tote 11 *Caucasus* 13 *Compel* 14 *Ribald* 17 *Diagonal* 18 Mews 20 Exude 21 Centaur 22 Dye 23 Endlessly

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Italy content to play waiting game

FROM BRIAN GLANVILLE IN FLORENCE

IN THE bright, hot sunshine of Coverciano yesterday, where the Italy team trained before leaving for Rome, hope hung in the air — hope that *Ciro Ferrara, the central* defender, would be match-fit, *although that will not* be decided until Saturday, according to Cesare Maldini, the Italy coach. Ferrara still feels some pain from his stomach muscle injury, but he is undergoing intensive physiotherapy and massage.

However, Maldini did admit: "We have a great problem with the absence of Di Matteo, a great problem on the left of midfield. Little by little, people have forgotten the importance of this player." It looks as if Attilio Lombardo will be asked to fill the breach created by the loss through suspension of the Chelsea man, but they are very different kinds of player.

"It's just a game of football," said Marco Tardelli, a goalscorer in Italy's winning World Cup final in Madrid 15 years ago and now No 2 to Maldini. "It's not a war." No, he did not think the Italy team individually superior to England. *"These are two teams at* the same level. The winner will *be the one which keeps its* nerve." Yes, the psychological aspect would be important, but goals could come in any way, at any time.

Tardelli, certainly, seemed cheerfully relaxed. Not so Christian Vieri, the probable Italy centre forward, who looked tense as he answered questions from journalists. As to whether the first 20-odd minutes might be decisive if Italy failed to score, he said: "After the first 25 minutes come another 25. If we haven't scored after half an hour, we have to stay calm and play as we know how. A goal can come five minutes or one minute from the end; you can hit a post in the last minute." Alessandro Del Piero, scorer of the potentially devastating early goal for Juventus against Manchester United last week, is another who doubts that the first 20 minutes might be decisive. "The important thing for Italy," he said, "... is to win, *rather than to score in the first* 20 minutes or the last. We *shall do everything to win this* match. We'll cover every possibility — psychological, physical, technical and tactical. We shall exclude nothing that will enable us to win."

Gigi Riva, that prolific goalscorer of the past who is now attached to the national team, has great respect for England. "I see an England team much improved tactically," he said. "I saw them in France. If it wasn't for that piece of invention by Romário, they would never have deserved to lose to Brazil. They are much more solid and convincing now."

Paul Ince put the cat among the pigeons when he claimed that, when at Internazionale, his first manager, Ottavio Bianchi, told him that if he could not get the ball, he should go for the man.

Dino Baggio, the Italy midfield player, said: "Our football is tough, but not dirty, that's why Ince did well here. I've always admired him, he's a combative player who always gives it everything, more or less like me. It was no chance that *sparks flew when we met* each other. I didn't even finish the *last Parma-Inter [match]; I got* two yellow cards for fouls on him. *But they were fouls, not* murders. Who knows what went through *his mind?*"

It is now beginning to look as if Maldini will use Costacurta as sweeper, behind three markers. Cesare's — son, Paolo Maldini, said, somewhat surprisingly, that he thinks England will also play with a sweeper. "They've done it already," he said. "I saw their games in Georgia and Poland on TV; *catenaccio* and counter-attack. They were calm for many minutes, waiting for their opponents to open up, *then they struck. That's how* they play now and why should *they change if a draw would* be enough? When we played them in France, they waited for us so they could penetrate our defence. But at the Olympico, it will be different. In France, we were played out."

Helmsman of the highest order

Edward Gorman pays tribute to a racing sailor who had the world at his feet

John Merricks, who died in a car crash at Punta Ala in Italy on Wednesday night, was among the highest echelon of Great Britain's racing sailors. Most people would *name* Lawrie *Smith, Ben Ainslie and the* "Martians", John Merricks *and Ian Walker, as this* country's leading out-and-out racers.

His death at the age of 26 is thus the cruellest of blows, not only to his friends and family but to a sport that needed and thrived on John Merricks. He was an instinctive helmsman who knew how to win, but he was also a straightforward and honest individual who conducted himself with a maturity *that belied his years.*

He was a great communicator who was happy to do his bit to promote the sport, and he was fun to be around, even when the pressure was on. Merricks was known to enjoy a good food fight and, when the trophies were won, he could let rip in a nightclub. Anyone who was with him in Savannah, Georgia, after he collected his hard-won Olympic *silver medal last summer* will never forget Merricks that *night, as a tide of relief* and happiness swept through him.

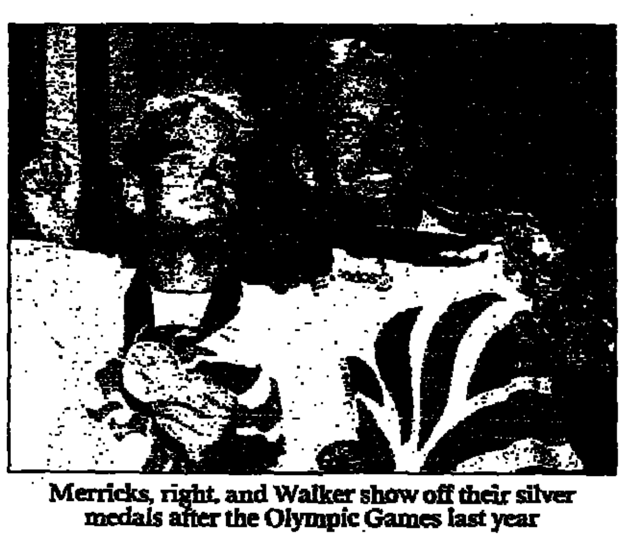
He came from a modest background in Leicester and, after starting his sailing career *on Rutland Water with* his father in a Mirror dinghy *at the age of 12, he progressed* through 420s and then to 470s. He was a classic product of the Royal Yachting Association squad system and benefited enormously from coming under the wing of the national coach, Jim Saltonstall, relatively early on.

He showed promise, but it was not until he teamed up *with Ian Walker in 1993 that* he realised his full potential. *They brought the best out of* each other and the victories began to roll in. They dominated their class in the run-up to the Olympic Games and survived a bad regatta at Savannah to earn the silver medal by one point.

Merricks was at his best going downwind as he used to like to stand at the back of the boat, looking for the shifts and playing the waves. On a memorable day at the pre-*Olympic regatta at* Hyeres last year, he and Walker *showed stunning downwind* speed and tactical acumen when they came from 26th place at the first weathermark to finish fifth and take the series with a race to spare.

Merricks and Walker seemed to have something special and it transferred with them from small dinghies to keel-boats. When they got into a Melges 24 for the first time, they came within a whisker of *winning the British title and* would have won the European championship shortly after that had they not thrown it away in the last race.

It was the same story in the Admiral's Cup. Many thought that the six-month learning curve would be too steep, but Merricks and Walker chose their crew carefully and scaled the heights to win the class in Bradamante. Merricks *had a fine future ahead of* him and there is no doubt that *he would have gone on to* even greater things.



Merricks, right, and Walker show off their silver medals after the Olympic Games last year

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